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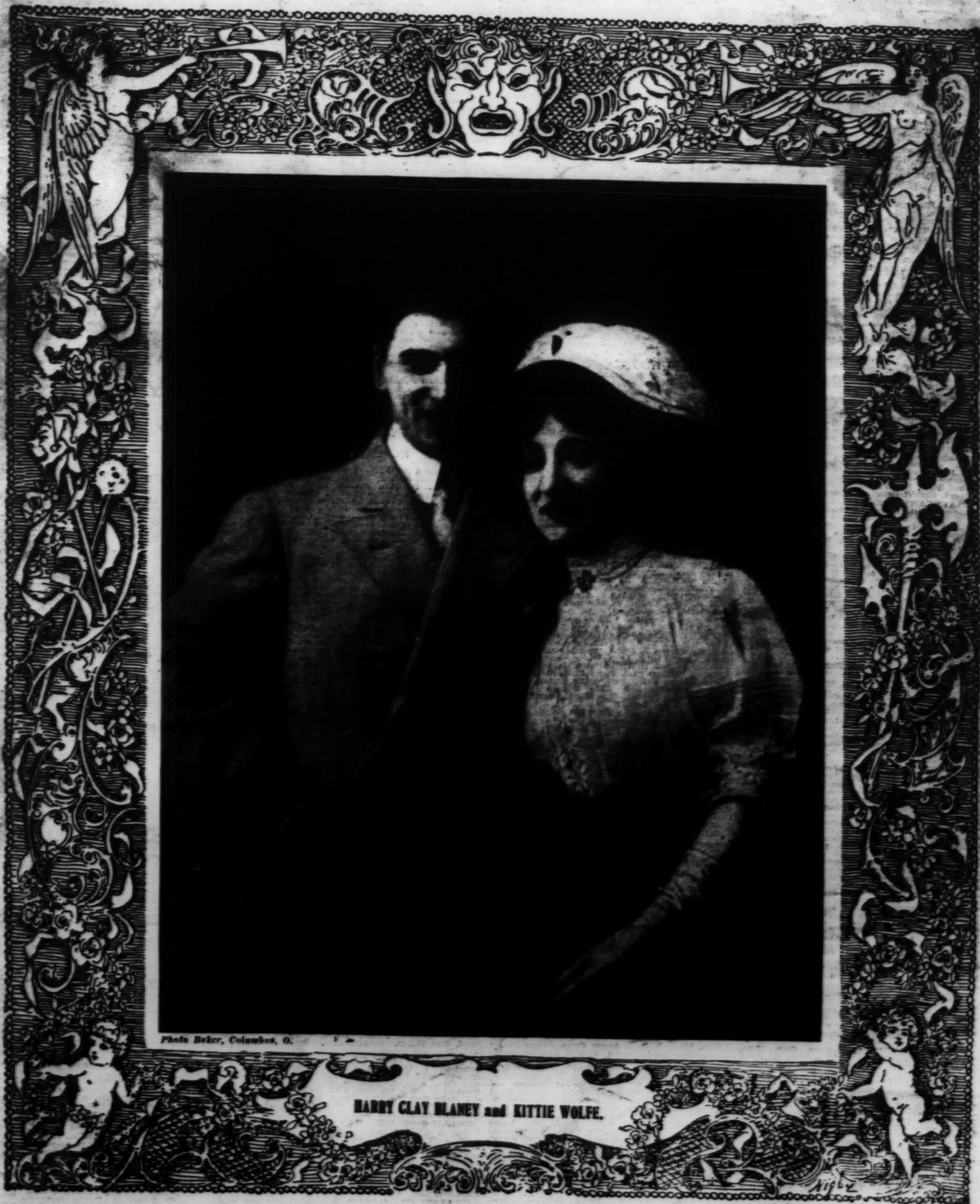


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FOURTH INSTALLMENT.

Behrend, Augusta Behrend, Dorothy Schlessberg, Emil Springstead, Allie Davis, Nellie Melville, Ray Bo shell, Bob Williams, Young Kid Broad, Ben Hol man, Pauline Muhlsauer. Opening date, Providence Aug. 29.

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of these have been shut down now for about a year, but recently things have been looking bright. The price of lumber is showing some signs of improvement. Notwithstanding the financial crisis, summer theatres have been crowded, and are expected to do a good business this winter.

from local commercial and industrial conditions great deal improved over the conditions this year ago. The mines that operate so largely on commercial activity in this district, are all re-operations, while a year ago 90 per cent. were

equally with the big attractions sent here from East. Bookings at the various theatres for the few months number among them many of the offerings of 1964-65, and for these a satisfactory business seems assured.

to be on the decline here, and the business coming season will be done by dramatic and attractions. It is predicted that before the

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REVIEWS OF NEW PLAYS.

NOVELTIES OF THE WEEK INCLUDE COMEDY, DRAMA AND MUSIC.

Maxine Elliott as a New England Magd—Nance O'Neill in Agnes—Arnold Daly Tries Again—George Cohan's New Musical Mixture—An Entertaining Offering at the Yorkville.

To be reviewed next week:

PIERRE OF THE PLAINS.....Hudson
THE GOLDEN BUTTERFLY.....Broadway
THE MAN WHO STOOD STILL.....Circle
MIDWINTER HOT NO. 42.....Grand Street

Daly's—Myself-Bettina.

Play in four acts, by Rachael Crothers. Produced Oct. 5.

John Marshall.....Julian L'Estrange
Lemon Marshall.....Eric Maturing
Charlotte Hope.....Grant Mitchell
Ben.....Thomas J. Kelly
Christine Marshall.....Gertrude Berkeley
Anabelle Greenleaf.....Susanne Perry
Abbie.....Lois Frances Clark
Bettina Dean.....Viola Fortescue
Bettina Dean.....Maxine Elliott

Bettina Dean comes to pay a visit to her old home in a small New England town after spending several years in Paris studying music. She is selfish and cares only for her work. Her half sister, Maudie, has remained at home, singing in the church choir and secretly suffering her mind times to be overruled by John Marshall, the clergyman and Christine, his sister. Bettina has been in love with John. On her arrival she sets about putting life into the narrow, religion-bound village. She arranges for a church entertainment, in which she proposes to offer Oscar Wild's Salome, with herself as the dancer. A rehearsal of the performance is interrupted by John and Christine. Bettina, angry at their forbidding a continuation of the play, decides to go to a dance with Leonard, John's younger brother, in spite of a promise to John to remain at home. She and Leonard are late in returning. Leonard has fallen in love with Bettina, though before her arrival he has been in love with Maudie. Maudie hides behind a curtain and overhears Leonard make love to the older girl. Her jealousy makes her confess to Bettina that she and Leonard should have been married a long time before Bettina, after she understands, cannot forgive her John, to whom a confession comes later, offers to help Maudie in her trouble. Bettina then begins to see her own selfishness. She decides to give up her Paris work and to send Maudie in her place. John discovers that he has not been always right in his ideas, and he and Bettina become engaged.

There is a curious suggestion of Magda in this play, without Magda's soul and sympathy or much of its strength. The principal character of Bettina is so priggish in her catholicism and the character of John so preachy in his narrowness, that the audience has come to dislike them too much to change an opinion in the last act. In fact, there is not a likable character in the play except the dignified Charlie Hope, who is human and humorous. The rehearsal of the Salome play, in which Charlie plays Herod, is funny, and there are a few incidents of New England home life that are realistic enough to be enjoyed. For the rest, the play is scarcely interesting. It is certainly not entertaining.

Maxine Elliott as Bettina plays the selfish woman heartily and listlessly. In the lighter scenes, and especially in the Salome rehearsal, she is pleasing, but her acting is without depth. Viola Fortescue as Maudie gives a good emotional performance and is particularly good in the stronger scenes. Gertrude Berkeley is very good as Christine, and Lois Frances Clark plays the maid-of-all-work naturally. Susanne Perry is satisfactory as a village belle. Julian L'Estrange, with an English accent, plays the clergyman, John, with much strength and sincerity. His acting in the role of the type and will be enjoyed in other roles. The farthest stretch of the imagination could not make Eric Maturing's Leonard seem like a New England youth, for his second and languorous speech is hopelessly British. His acting, however, is full of spontaneity and intelligence, and but for his speech his character would seem real. Grant Mitchell gives an excellent character study in the role of Charlie Hope, the precise and dignified Epworth League. Thomas J. Kelly is satisfactory in the small part of Ben.

Majestic—Agnes.

Drama in four acts, by George Cameron. Produced Oct. 5. (McKee Rankin, manager.)

Mrs. Reginald Fenshawe.....Nelle Malcolm
Lord Robert Vane.....John A. Mison
The Hon. Miss Brookfield.....Grace Goodall
Mrs. Belgravia.....William Westcott
Geoffrey Marne.....Ouyler Heston
Harry Crutchley.....Percy F. Ames
Agnes.....Miss O'Neill
Mr. Hume.....Sam S. Hardy
Mrs. Squire.....Mrs. Clara Brady
Mrs. Portier.....James A. Leahy
Dr. Loring Brent.....Robert Drouet
Miss Mathison.....Margaret Bloodgood
Serge.....Paul Scardon
Florence.....Violet Vanden
M. De La Mer.....Herbert Fortier
Dr. White.....

The story, of the Enoch Arden order, follows: Agnes Belgravia, that she might provide for a scheming and utterly selfish mother, marries Geoffrey Marne, a Londoner, endowed with several millions and an extremely early temperment. To gain her end and surround herself with the luxury she loves, the girl's mother has successfully quashed a love affair between Agnes and a struggling young doctor, Loring Brent. She has intercepted letters between the two, subtly showing the match between Agnes and Marne by almost convincing the former that Brent has forsaken and forgotten her. Feeling that she is done with love, and that her duty lies in providing for her mother, Agnes accepts Marne, after hesitatingly stipulating that she cannot love him and that he must expect only duty and faithfulness in exchange for his name and his income. A few days after the wedding, the pair, accompanied by Mrs. Belgravia and a few guests, are on board Marne's yacht, the "Rhoda," sailing in the lower bay off the coast of France. It is here that Mr. Cameron begins his story, the first act occurring in a room aboard the yacht. Here there are mutual recriminations between mother and daughter. The former keeps Agnes to treat Marne more kindly. Already, she declares, he is becoming impatient at Agnes' coldness, and she (Mrs. Belgravia) fears for a settlement he was to make upon her. The mother's sardonic stings Agnes, and the girl, in a drowsy, half-asleep state, goes to her cabin where she has suffered a collision and from out the darkness is heard the voice of Agnes crying her husband's name. Home, the ship's officer, appears with a lantern, shouts that they have been badly injured, that the "Rhoda" is sinking, and gives Agnes what help he may in rescuing Marne. The latter is helpless, having been struck and knocked unconscious by the falling chandelier. The certain falls on the girl halfway up the cabin stairs, struggling to push Marne with her. The audience, however, is left in doubt as to the success of her efforts. The second act shows Agnes at her mother's apartments, in London, two months after the disaster. Mrs. Belgravia and Marne, presumably, were lost. In looking through her mother's effects Agnes discovers the intercepted letters, her own and Brent's. Her grief at her mother's duplicity is only amazed by her subsequent reunion and marriage with Brent, now a rich and famous physician, a specialist in brain disorders. For five years, during which interval a little son comes to the pair, the author allows them to be from their duties. The scene then shifts to the little French village he remembers nothing. Even through his heavy French accent, Agnes discovers in M. de la Mer her husband, Marne. In despair at the misery the return of her memory would entail to so many people, Agnes begs Monsieur to forget the operation planned by Brent and to be in Mar for the following day. M. de la Mer is firm. He may be pardoned a little in making over his memory to the past, in the little fourth act the operation occurs. Agnes, the event has been held a little earlier than originally planned, and when she is aware that it is now taking place in the next room she beats frantically upon the door, her husband to stop his work. The operation over, Dr. Brent enters the room. With white face, his wife confronts him. "You know?" she asks. "Does he know what he was

before?" Brent shakes his head. "He didn't live long enough to tell," he replies. "Agnes, this is my first failure." Unable to speak, the woman raises her face to Heaven in mute thanksgiving.

The author doesn't find himself until well into the second act. The first act is the weakest and most unconvincing of the four. Once firmly seated, however, the author goes on at a good pace, the third and fourth acts the interest is gripping. A revamped first act would work wonders with the play.

Of Miss O'Neill's work as the somewhat lugubrious heroine there is much to be said in praise and little to condemn. Many of the O'Neill mannerisms are always evident, but if one can forget those her performance of Agnes is thoroughly enjoyable. Miss O'Neill is hampered in the first act by the crude construction and dialogue, but in the second act when Agnes discovers Brent's old letters she brings her an enthusiastic following in the West and in some cities, too, in the East, particularly Boston. In the last two acts Miss O'Neill was superb and deserved the many curtain calls she received.

Among the supporting members of the cast first honors undeniably go to Percy Ames for a thoroughly good performance as Harry Crutchley. A close second to Mr. Ames is Robert Drouet, minus his moustache, as Dr. Brent. Cuyler Hastings plays the Enoch Arden-like husband so well that one almost regrets Marne's taking away in the last act, even when one remembers the awful results to Agnes involved in his survival. Mr. Hardy, Mr. Fortier, Mr. Scardon and Mr. Leahy enact smaller parts in a thoroughly painstaking and satisfactory fashion. Mr. Mison makes a poor first act worse with a piece of unpleasant acting as Lord Robert Vane. Mrs. Westcott brought her long experience and careful art to bear on the part of Mrs. Belgravia with pronounced success. Clara Brady, long a member of the O'Neill forces, was good Mrs. Squire. Miss Malcolm, Miss Goodall and Miss Vanden filled smaller parts acceptably, while Margaret Bloodgood as Miss Mathison, the nurse, went about her preparations for the Monsieur's operation in a thorough business-like manner.

Miss O'Neill wore four stunning gowns, the appearance of each in succession creating an audible feminine ripple. If Agnes doesn't prove a bigger success than Miss O'Neill has had for some time it is far likelier to prove the fault of the author than of the actress.

Wallack's—His Wife's Family.

Comedy in three acts, by George Egerton. Produced Oct. 6. (Lieber and Company, managers.)

Roderick Hay.....Edwin Arden
Major Patrick Sandfield Desmond.....Arnold Daly
Bryan Desmond ("Curly").....William Harrigan
Captain Percy Perry.....Eugene Ormonde
Corporal O'Connell.....Edward Harrigan
Margaret Ellen (Magdalen).....Doris Keane
Trixie Knox.....Janet Beecher
Bridget Casey.....Mathilde Dehson

"He" is a young English politician with a limited income, who has married an Irish girl of good but irresponsible family. They are living in a suburban villa near London, when the wife, Margaret, Ellen, and called Magdalen, is learning the elementary principles of economy. Just as she is beginning to understand, her entire family—father, brother, widowed mother, and two family servants—come down to London, having been sold out in Ireland. The boy is the only member of the family who is inclined to work. He comes to live with Magdalen and her husband, while the rest, except Bridget, the cook, put up at a hotel. The second act takes place six months later. From a hotel the Major and his daughter, Trixie, have gone to live in lodgings. They have exhausted their credit and their borrowing possibilities. Corporal O'Connell, the Major's body servant, forages for food, even to capturing the boy's public square. Magdalen learns of her family's trouble and brings them food and pays their rent. But at the same time the Major discovers that a brother has died in Australia and has left a fortune. Curly, the boy, must be remembered as the son of the Hippopotamus and has fallen in love with a rider. One week later the Major discovers that his deceased brother Curly left the boy a small estate of five years; the sum of 2,000 pounds each to Magdalen and Trixie, and an annuity of 500 pounds to the Major, together with the privilege of living in Australia. The Major expends his first payment on his railway and presents for his friends. Trixie, again, is working at the office of her sweetheart, Captain Perry, and is discovered by her father, who remarks when he discovers a little bit of Magdalen's work basket and understands its purpose.

The few speeches that filtered to the audience through the thick brogue and bad accents on the opening night indicated that the play was rather cleverly written, from the point of dialogue. So little of it could be understood, however, that any opinion of the play must be deferred until it can be read in type. There is no dramatic action, but there is careful, decisive character drawing that, were the speeches intelligible, would probably give the piece some small degree of success. The acting and staging are excellent.

Arnold Daly finds difficulty in making the role of the Major convincing. The character is too old for him to portray naturally. For Mr. Daly cannot hide a certain youthful spontaneity that he has, even with his acceptable talent. Still, his representation of the irresponsible Major is admirable as an entertainment. Doris Keane as Magdalen gives a charming performance, full of girlishness and womanliness combined, and entirely free from stardom or trickery. Edwin Arden as Magdalen's English husband, the only character that speaks without a brogue, is entirely satisfactory, though the part is hidden among so many real actors. William Harrigan, with a real accent, makes an excellent Curly. Edward Harrigan, as the Corporal, was given the heartiest sort of welcome on the opening night, and in his work he leads to the part his ripe experience and his real knowledge of Irish characterization. He even sings a snatch of an old song. Janet Beecher is rather too catfish as Trixie. Mathilde Dehson as Bridget acts naturally, but is the most unintelligible of the entire cast. Eugene Ormonde, for some very broad melodrama in the last act, is satisfactory as Captain Perry.

New York—The American Idea.

Musical play in three acts, by George M. Cohan. Produced Oct. 5. (Cohan and Harris, managers.)

Pierre Souchet.....George Behan
Stephen Hustleford.....Robert L. Dalley
Daniel Sullivan.....Walter Le Roy
Herman Budmeyer.....Gilbert Gregory
The Mysterious Man.....Hugh Mack
Henry Budmeyer.....Richard Taber
Charles Sullivan.....Harold Forbes
Bellamy.....Harry Gordon
Office.....Richard Tobin
Mrs. William Wastapper.....Trixie Frigman
Edythe Yellowback.....Stella Hammerstein
Calderia Budmeyer.....Carrie Bowman
Nelle Sullivan.....Lois Merrill
The Mysterious Girl.....Ethel McBride
Vera.....Raele Green
Violet.....Gertie Vanderbilt

Daniel Sullivan and Herman Budmeyer, rival millionaires from Brooklyn, visit Paris and are persuaded to find French consuls for their respective daughters. Their respective sons are in love with the opposite girls. They make bids for Pierre Souchet, a milliner's boy, who an American, Stephen Hustleford, has engaged to play court for a consideration. Mrs. William Wastapper, Hustleford's divorced wife, bids over the Brooklynites. The two Brooklyn boys disguise themselves as noblemen and win the two Brooklyn girls who are really in love with her former husband.

This new Cohan piece is just like all other Cohan pieces, with the conventional, lamentable exception of his one unmusical drama. There is the same sort of tunes, the same sort of boys and girls, the same sort of "go," and much of the same sort of characters. The same sort of audiences will find this edition a source of much delight. There is no mistaking Mr. Cohan's knowledge of what will appeal to popular taste, and he must be credited with considerable skill in making over his things until they seem like new. The characters of the Mysterious Man and the Mysterious Girl in this play are interparts of the Unknown in Little Johnny Jones, but the idea loses nothing of its absurdity because it has been used before. In fact, the mysterious ones are the funniest things in the

entertainment. As to the music, "Sullivan" is very like "Harrigan," and "F.A.M.E." has a close family resemblance to some other spelling songs of the same author and also the "Girl" song in The Merry Widow. But who cares? Certainly not the audience.

Trixie Frigman bears much of the comedy on her plump shoulders, and she does it well, particularly when she is serious. George Behan performing his usual irrepressible Frenchman in the role of the false Count, Robert L. Dalley as Hustleford is occasionally funny, especially when he gets out of character. Walter Le Roy as Sullivan, from Brooklyn, is very good, for he not only plays comedy but plays character as well. Gilbert Gregory as Budmeyer, also from Brooklyn, is of the conventional German comedy type without too much burlesque. Hugh Mack as the Mysterious Man is excellent. Richard Taber and Harold Forbes as young Budmeyer and Sullivan are bad, stupidly bad. Stella Hammerstein is practically lost in the role of Edythe Yellowback, a young woman without apparent purpose in the cast. Carrie Bowman and Lois Merrill as Miss Budmeyer and Miss Sullivan are very much like the young men who play their brothers. Ethel McBride as the Mysterious Girl makes a good opposite to Mr. Mack as the man. Excellent and vigorous dancing is done by Rosie Green and Gertie Vanderbilt.

The songs that are best liked are "Sullivan," sung by Mr. Le Roy; "They Always Follow Me," sung by Miss Frigman; "Too Long from Longacre Square," sung by Mr. Dalley; "Cohan's Pet Names," apportioned to Miss Frigman and Mr. Dalley; "F.A.M.E.," sung by the quartette of comedians, and, more than all the others, "American Ragtime," sung by Mr. Dalley and chorus as a finale to Act II. The American flag is bravely flaunted in this number. The Gaudy Dances, by Miss Green and Miss Vanderbilt, is also a popular feature. The piece is well costumed and cheaply set.

Yorkville—Morning, Noon and Night.

Musical farce in two acts; book by Joseph W. Herbert, lyrics by William Jerome, and music by Jean Schwartz. Produced Oct. 5. (Mortimer M. Theis, manager.)

Abraham Goldberg.....Joe Welch
Artie Hall.....Artie Hall
Herr Otto Seize.....Al Shean
Gusty Bang.....Charles A. Warren
Mrs. Bessie.....Maud Morris
Bill Sykes.....Teddy Burns
Inspector Martin.....Fred George
Gaudy Backslaps.....Mike Curran
Inspector Jones.....Howard Nesbit
Officer Sullivan.....Henry Ling

Mr. Theis's new production is built on the lines of his earlier success, Wine, Woman and Song. Morning, Noon and Night follows its model so closely that the success of one seems bound to be duplicated in the other. As in the earlier offering, Morning, Noon and Night contains little or no story. No one wants any.

Things move with a rush, and Mr. Theis's clever ideas have been capably carried out by a company almost entirely composed of well-known vaudeville recruits. The first act takes place at Ellis Island, and here the company displays rather weird in such surroundings. The most attractive number in this scene is "Life's Highway," well sung by four pretty girls and a quartette of frock-coated men.

Joe Welch is his own imitable Hebraic self and mournfully tells his troubles to his audience in a dialect that calls forth as much laughter and applause as when Mr. Welch is given to talking the public into his confidence across "Hebrew footlights." One habit of the usual both Mr. Welch and his audience are to be gratulated on its absence. He doesn't sing endless parodies on popular songs.

Artie Hall displays physical charms quite as numerous as was her wont in vaudeville, and looks particularly charming in the smart Indian costume in which she sings "Rainbow." The latter is the most successful of Miss Hall's songs, because in its rendition she drops the strident delivery she appears to consider necessary when singing her coon songs. Maud Morris plays Mrs. Sec Bessie nonchalantly and sings two songs well.

Teddy Burns looks ferocious as Bill Sykes, and sings countless encores versus to a topical song in the second scene called "None of Them's Got Anything on Me."

Between the two scenes a miniature vaudeville show is introduced. The Excelsior Four—Messrs. Meehan, George, Smith, and Ling—are a little better than the usual vaudeville quartette. Miss Hall sings three songs, and Al Shean and Charles Warren present their well-known sketch, Qua Vadis Upside Down. Despite its several seasons of service the act still compels hearty laughter.

The inevitable Salome appears in the person of Rosetta Mantilla, who writhes and heaves in the approved Broadway-Salome fashion. She is graceful and the act is undoubtedly helped to success by special music composed by Frederick Perkins, so long identified with the orchestra of the historic Boston Museum, and now musical director for Mr. Theis. The head of the deceased John was gleefully enough to arouse some little awe until the spell was broken by an audible comment in the audience, on its likeness to Governor Hughes.

Eight little girls whom Mr. Theis calls his Little Dancing Friars work hard and dance steadily, the tiniest working hardest of all. Mike Curran gives a clever characterization of an Italian of the Black Hand fraternity. Howard Nesbit turns out to be a good-looking, clean-cut chap who does the modest little allotted to him well and joins in the singing and dancing in a manner which would seem to inspire him a later claim to note in his own right. The chorus contains many pretty girls, in well gowned, and sings pleasingly. The two settings, the first at Ellis Island, the second at Luna Park, are adequate.

Academy of Music—The Old Homestead.

Denman Thompson began a short engagement in The Old Homestead at the Academy of Music on Oct. 5. Mr. Thompson's Joshua Whitcomb is the same lovable character as ever, and the play has the same interest for the large audience that filled the theatre all last week. The cast this year is as follows: Cy Prime, Frederick Maynard; Happy Jack, Fred Clare; Frank Hopkins, Harry R. Webster; Ed Gansay, Frank Kapp; John Patterson, Harry A. Jaeger; Aunt Matilda, Louisa Morse; Bickety Ann, Anita L. Fowler; Annie Hopkins, Laura Bradford; Nellie Patterson, Minnie Stansell; Henry Hopkins, Gus Kammerling; Judge Patterson, E. F. Cochran; Frank Hopkins, Harry R. Webster; Francois Fogarty, Jess Calkins; Mrs. Hopkins, Annie Thompson; Reuben Whitcomb, Roy Purviance; Seth Perkins, Charles H. Clark; Len Holbrook, George L. Patch; Warren Hillis, P. Redmond; Anna Maria Murdoch, Margaret Boustead; Eleanor Stratton, Jessie Graham.

At Other Playhouses.

BROADWAY.—Grace Van Strufford in The Golden Butterfly replaced Algeria here last night.

BURTON.—Robert Edwards ended his engagement here Saturday night and started on a road tour. Edgar Selwyn in Pierre of the Plains is his successor.

CIRCLE.—School Days closed here last Saturday night. The house will be dark until Thursday, when it will reopen with Louis Mann in a new play by Jules Eckert Goodman.

METROPOLIS.—Mr. Him and I, with E. L. Wrothe as principal comedian, was the attraction here last week. This week, Shadows of a Great City.

GRAND STREET.—Through Death Valley proved an attractive offering here last week, and business was large. This week, Messenger Boy No. 42.

TRIAD AVENUE.—Le Roy E. Summers in Billy the Kid proved popular here last week. This week, It's Never Too Late to Mend.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE.—The Soul Kiss, with Gene, opened at this house last week and did fair business. This week, Richard Carle in Mary's Lamb.

WALKER.—Sam Bernard in Nearly a Hero was a strong attraction here last week, playing to large audiences. This week, The Warrens of Virginia.

HACKETT.—Mr. Hackett will present The Oracle for the performance of this week, offering The Prisoner of Zenda on Friday and Saturday evenings only.

MAUDE FEALY.



The above is a late portrait of Maude Fealy, who recently signed a contract with Liebler and Company as leading woman for Nat C. Goodwin Kirby early in November. Miss Fealy has not lately appeared in New York, she having toured the West as a star last season in The Stronger Sex, in which she made a decided success. Her contract with John Cort was made for five years, and included a continuous season yearly of thirty weeks. Two years of this contract have expired. Mr. Cort had intended beginning Miss Fealy's season this year in The Stronger Sex early in November, but as last year Mr. Cort played a season of only twenty weeks with Miss Fealy's company and in not being completed, she considered he had violated his contract with her and deemed her contract with him terminated. Attorneys for Miss Fealy have begun suit against Mr. Cort for damages. Plans are also under way for a Spring production of an English success in which Miss Fealy will appear under the management of Messrs. Brooks and Dingwall, opening probably in New York City.

GOSSIP OF THE TOWN.

William West, manager of The Time, the Place and the Girl company, was arrested at Trenton, N. J., recently on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Mae Camille, a member of the company. She claims that the manager accused her of not performing her work properly, and struck her. He was held in jail for the grand jury.

The Shuberts have entered into contract with Langdon Mitchell for a new play he is now writing.

A proposition has been made by Hans Greger, director of the Komisher Theatre, Berlin, East Lulu Glaser appear in Berlin next Spring at the head of her own company in Mile. Mischief. The Shuberts are considering the proposition.

The Carnegie Lyceum is open for the season of 1908-09. The American Academy of Dramatic Arts continues as lease and Eugene Sweetland as business manager.

Bessie Dainty is playing Lena in the Northern company of Lena Rivers, under the management of Burton Nixon. Dorothy De Long is playing Little Anna in the same company.

The new Drury Lane melodrama, Marriages in Mayfair, will probably be presented in this country this season by A. W. Dingwall, who is said to have obtained the American rights to the piece.

Jules Speck, of the Grand Opera, Paris, and Paul Ananias, of the opera house at Monte Carlo, have been engaged as stage managers for the Metropolitan Opera House.

Ada M. Darette has been engaged to play in a new company. The organization is playing first nights in Indiana and Illinois with a repertoire consisting of In the Hands of the Car, Carmen, Red Cross, Raphe, A Carolina Fiddler, Slaves of the Mill, The Christian, Clara Thorne, A Cowboy's Girl and A Girl from California. The company is booked solid up to July, 1909.

Felix Hollander, director of the German Theatre, Berlin, is completing negotiations for the American appearance of the famous Berlin company of Shakespearean actors. He expects to bring the company next March, for an engagement of six weeks.

Dr. Leopold Kamp's drama of Russian Life, On the Eve, has been produced in Canton, China, in Chinese.

A report that Edna May Lewisohn is to return to the stage has been denied by her friends in New York.

William Winter is writing a series of articles on the drama for the Pacific Monthly, published at Portland, Ore.

The manuscript of Henri Bernstein's latest play, Israel, was received recently by Charles Frohman. The play will have its first performance in Paris on Oct. 15, with Helene in the only feminine role. The piece is described as a satire.

The First Violin, an adaptation in four acts of Jessie Fothergill's book, with Ella May Fitch, the prima donna, in the role of May Wedderburn, will be sent on tour under the direction of Truman James.

H. A. Morey has signed to play the role of Sir Peter Le Marchant in The First Violin, under the management of Truman James.

Fanny L. Burt, a member of The Lion and the Mouse company, was taken seriously ill while playing in Fall River, Mass. She is in St. Ann's Hospital of that city.

W. T. Smiley, on the staff of the Iowa, Kan., Register, has written a musical comedy called A Scotch-Irish Yankee. The music is by Edwards J. Hoering of London.

James T. Powers is to be starred by the Shuberts in Havana, a musical play now running in London. Mr. Powers went abroad a few weeks ago to witness performances of The Paradise of Mohammed, in which he was planning to appear.

Rosabel Morrison, the daughter of the late Lewis Morrison, will begin a tour in Farst on Nov. 3, alternating the roles of Marguerite and Megliotophes.

A new four-act comedy in verse, Le Bon Bob Dagobert, by André Rivolin, was produced at the Comedie Francaise, Paris, on Oct. 7.

The Earl of Roslyn, who appeared on the stage in this country several years ago under the name of James Erskine, and who later married Anne Robinson, an American actress, made a third matrimonial venture on Oct. 8, when he wedded Vera Bayley, an Irish girl with a comfortable income. The ceremony was performed in a registry office in London.

The Bachelor and the Maid, a farce comedy in three acts, by Claude L. M. Norrie, was presented for the first time on any stage at the Clifts half Theatre, Aberdeen, S. D., on Oct. 3.

Harry Badger assumed the principal comedy role in The Merry Widow, the musical comedy, on Oct. 10. He received two new songs from the author, and the new songs were very popular.

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CURRENT AMUSEMENTS.

Week ending October 17.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—Dennis Thompson in The Old Homestead—2d week—9 to 10 times.

ALHAMBRA—Vaudeville.

AMERICAN—Vaudeville.

ASTOR—William Hodge in The Man from Home—9th week—10 to 12 times.

BELASCO—George Arliss in The Devil—9th week—61 to 63 times.

BILBO—A Gentleman from Mississippi—3d week—10 to 12 times.

BLANEY'S—Vaudeville.

BROADWAY—Grace Van Strudford in The Golden Butterfly—1st week—1 to 8 times.

CASINO—Louise Gunning in Marcello—3d week—13 to 15 times.

CIRCLE—Commencing Oct. 15—Louis Mann in The Man Who Stood Still.

COLONIAL—Vaudeville.

CRITCHFIELD—Katie Williams in Fluffy Ruffles—9th week—30 to 32 times.

DALY'S—Maxine Elliott in Myself—Bettina—3d week—9 to 10 times.

EMPIRE—John Drew in Jack Straw—3th week—22 to 25 times.

GAIETY—The Traveling Salesman—25 times, plus 6th week—41 to 43 times.

GARDEN—Edna Stevens in The Devil—9th week—30 to 32 times.

GARRICK—Joseph Coyne and Alexandra Carlisle in The Millionaire—7th week—44 to 50 times; May Irwin in Mrs. Peckham's Carouse—3d week—14 to 16 times.

GERMAN (Living Place)—The Dancing Hossars—3d week—32 to 35 times.

GERMAN (2nd Street)—The Devil—3d week; Fires of St. John, 1 time.

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—Richard Carle in Mary's Lamb—3d week, plus 5 times.

GRAND STREET—Messenger Boy No. 49—10 times.

HACKETT—James K. Hackett in The Prisoner of Zenda—3d to 2d times; The Crisis—5 times.

HERALD SQUARE—Three Twins—15th week—121 to 123 times.

HIPPODROME—Sporting Days and Battle in the Skies—9th week.

HUDSON—Edgar Selwyn in Pierre of the Plains—1st week—1 to 5 times.

HURTING AND SEAMON'S MUNIO HALL—Rice and Barton's Extravaganza.

KALICH—Tiddish Drama.

KENTH & PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE—Vaudeville.

KENTH & PROCTOR'S 15TH STREET—Vaudeville.

KICKERBOCKER—The Girls of Gottenburg—7th week—40 to 42 times.

KIMBELL—Lillian Russell in Wilbur—8th week—41 to 43 times.

LONDON—The Ducklings Burlesques.

LYCUM—Billie Burke in Love Watches—3th week—23 to 25 times.

LYRIC—Lola Glasser in Mlle. Mischief—3d week—15 to 17 times.

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN—Electrical Show.

MAJESTIC—Nance O'Neil in Agnes—3d week—9 to 10 times.

METROPOLIS—Shadows of a Great City.

MINER'S BOWERY—Follies of the Day.

MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE—Merry Burlesques.

MURRAY HILL—Trocadero Burlesques.

NEW AMSTERDAM—The Merry Widow—32d week—413 to 415 times.

NEW YORK—The American Idea—3d week—9 to 10 times.

OLYMPIC—Mardi Gras Beauties.

SAVOY—Mater—4th week—30 to 32 times.

STUYVESANT—Blanche Bates in The Fighting Hope—4th week—23 to 25 times.

THIRD AVENUE—It's Never Too Late to Mend.

VICTORIA—Vaudeville.

WALLACK'S—Arnold Daly in His Wife's Family—2d week—8 to 10 times.

WEST 12th—Paul Robeson in The Merry Widow—plus 9th week—60 to 62 times.

WEST END—The Warrens of Virginia—100 times, plus 5 times.

WOLFEVILLE—Mr. Him and I.

STRIKING RESULTS.

THE review of business conditions as they relate to the theatre compiled by THE MIRROR from information gathered by its correspondents throughout the United States and Canada is concluded this week, the current section of it covering the South and West from Denver to the coast.

Those concerned in the business of the theatre that have read these reports have found in them much valuable information. Conditions in scores of places have been carefully set forth, so that the manager who proposes to cover those localities may know with reasonable certainty what he is to expect in patronage.

Managers who have perused these reports, however, cannot fail to have noted remarkable conditions developed in them with regard to the classes of offerings patronized. The moving picture industry appears wholly to have recast the demand for theatrical amusements.

While almost everywhere there is a call for first-class attractions—and people are ready to patronize such attractions at the regular prices that have long prevailed therefor—there are repeated warnings against the sending out of inferior attractions at first-class prices, and disaster is predicted for such ventures.

Moreover, the moving picture exhibitions seem almost to have eliminated the desire of the class of theatregoers who have patronized "popular-price" attractions for the offerings that so long have regaled them. Persons who have patronized the cheaper melodrama and kindred offerings now, apparently, neglect those forms of amusement for the moving pictures, the cheapness of the latter drawing heavily from this class of playgoers.

Is the moving picture industry to destroy a phase of amusements that so long has been popular and profitable to its promoters?

A WESTERN IDEA.

THE latest scheme of a coterie of Western lovers of the theatre who object to the representations of the West in current drama, and who think a paternal effort is necessary in order to promote realism and truth rather than misrepresentation and error, is to have the Federal Government set aside a tract of land in that region "where our native dramatists may go and study the atmosphere of the West as it is."

This will be a good thing, perhaps, if the cyclone belt is avoided. And yet mere "atmosphere," whether in the West or in the East—and this project seems to include little but atmosphere itself, or air, as it is more commonly known—will not make a play, though it sometimes has been employed as an "effect" in drama.

What these Western people object to, in all seriousness, is the unlikeness of the cowboy and his kind, in looks, demeanor, language and all other detail, to the real cowboy, and they say that elements of "wildness," and the like, as pictured on the stage really exist in that fashion nowhere else.

But the idea of the tract of land is not happy, unless it might induce some persons who assume to write plays to settle down and embrace agriculture. There are many engaged in playwrighting that no doubt would be more successful in wresting the soil from primitive nature and tilling it.

AN ECHO OF IRVING.

BRAM STOKES, factotum of the late Sir HENRY IRVING, has made known the fact that during his long tenancy of the Lyceum Theatre, London, the distinguished actor allowed himself but £70 a week as personal salary.

There are some contemporary actors in English whose names will not bulk large in the history of the stage that would take a tender of such a sum for their services as an insult.

A little thought on this subject carries one to the vast expenditure of genius and energy made by Sir HENRY IRVING in his great artistic career at the Lyceum, where he lifted the English drama to a higher place than it had occupied in generations, while his own achievements and personality shed lustre on the theatre of the civilized world.

This course he elected to take, with his allowance of £75 per week, rather than make the material riches that were his for the asking—or rather that were his had he fallen in with the commercial idea of his age and exploited merely for money.

MARGARET ANGLIN'S PLANS.

Margaret Anglin has completed her first engagement in Sydney, N. S. W., and on Sept. 15 she was to produce The Awakening of Helene Ritchie at Her Majesty's Theatre, Melbourne. This is the play in which Miss Anglin will re-open in New York on her return from Australia. Following it, she is preparing to present The Taming of the Shrew and The School for Scandal in Melbourne. For the future Miss Anglin will appear in and produce nothing but comedies, having decided not to consider any more "weepy" plays. The Australian season will terminate in Sydney Dec. 10.

PERSONAL.



BERNHARDT.—Sarah Bernhardt has just left Paris on another tour of Europe, to include performances in Switzerland, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy and the South of France. She will appear in a new piece in Paris on Jan. 5.

ELLIOTT.—Maxine Elliott fainted during the first act of Myself—Bettina, last Wednesday afternoon and the curtain had to be lowered until she recovered. After a few minutes she was able to continue the performance. An attack of indigestion was said to be the cause of her fainting.

ZANGWILL.—Israel Zangwill was entertained at dinner by the Secretary of Commerce and Labor Straus and Mrs. Straus, at Washington last Wednesday night. Secretary of State Root, the French Ambassador and Madame Jusserand, Secretary of War Wright and Mrs. Thomas F. Bayard were the other guests.

DREW.—"George Cameron," the author of Agnes, in which Nance O'Neil is playing, is Mrs. Sydney Drew. Mrs. Drew will continue to use this name as her nom de plume for other literary work in which she is engaged.

SCHUMANN.—Madame Schumann-Heink sailed for Europe last Thursday for a year's concert tour on the Continent.

CROSMAN.—Henrietta Crosmann has returned to New York to begin rehearsals of a new play by Agnes and Egerton Castle, to be produced next month.

BARRYMORE.—Ethel Barrymore was the principal guest at a reception of the Woman's Club of Cincinnati last Thursday afternoon.

REHAN.—Ada Rehan sailed for the United States last Saturday with the intention of making her home in this country in the future. She has definitely refused all offers to return to the stage.

HARE.—Sir John Hare began his farewell tour of the English provinces last week, commencing at the Theatre Royal, Bournemouth.

ST. DENIS.—Ruth St. Denis, the Oriental dancer, began a season at the Eleana Theatre, London, last week, after a successful year on the continent.

MANNERING.—Mary Manning has begun rehearsals of a new play, Memory and Tomorrow, by E. B. Tilton. Miss Manning gave the piece a few trial performances last season.

TERRY.—Marion Terry, a sister of Ellen Terry, arrived in New York on the Lucania last Friday, to appear in Stanislaus Stange's adaptation of Paul Bourget's Un Divorce. She will open at Montreal on Nov. 2.

NAZIMOVA.—Madame Nazimova will play one week in New York, at the West End Theatre, before starting on her tour to the Pacific Coast.

DE GRESCAC.—"Fred de Gresac," the author of Cora, which Bertha Kalich will shortly produce in Cincinnati, is the nom de plume of Mme. de Gresac, known in private life as Mme. Maurel, wife of the noted opera singer, Victor Maurel.

ANY BUSBY MARRIED.

Mrs. Amy Busby Lewis (Amy Busby) was married at Greenwich, Conn., on Oct. 7, to Theodore Douglas, President of the Douglas Copper Company. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. John Calvin Goddard.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.

[No replies by mail. No attention paid to anonymous, impertinent or irrelevant queries. No private addresses furnished. Questions regarding the whereabouts of players will not be answered. Letters to members of the profession addressed in care of THE MIRROR will be forwarded (if possible).]

C. F. I., Red Bank, N. J.: Emma Francis is at present playing in Europe and will not be seen in American vaudeville until next Spring or later.

ARNOLD BURN: Write to the Registrar of Copyrights, Librarian of Congress, Washington, D. C., for copyright blanks. Full instructions are printed on the blanks.

CLAUDE CRAWFORD, Newark, N. J.: Arthur Wing Pinero had some experience as an actor. He made his first appearance on the stage at the Theatre Royal, Edinburgh, on June 22, 1874.

CONSTANT READER, New York city: Alice Lloyd made her first appearance in America at the Colonial Theatre on April 27, 1907. She was not billed as the headliner until the second night.

GEORGE N. LIAAT: Alla Nazimova is a Russian. Her name is pronounced Na-tsee-mo-va, with the accent on the second syllable. (2) Edith Taliferro's name is usually pronounced Taliferro, but the same name in the South is called Tolliver.

R. R. P., Philadelphia: Hope Booth is now playing in a sketch called The Little Blonde Lady. At present she is on the Orpheum Circuit in the West and her route will be found in the department headed Vaudeville Performers' Dates, in THE MIRROR.

C. M. L., Brooklyn: There were two Playgoers' clubs in Manhattan last Winter, one called the New York Playgoers and the other the American Playgoers. The object of both was the discussion of current plays. Neither has resumed activities, and we do not know who could give information about either of them.

MAUD FERRIS, Kansas City, Mo.: Madame Viarda was educated in Germany. She began her stage career when quite young and has played in most of the principal cities of Europe. Her best known roles are Deborah, Ariel Acosta, Hamlet, Don Carlos, Medea, Napda, Mary Stuart, and Iphigenia. She has made no announcement of her plans for the coming season.

M. P., New York: If the English novel is copyrighted in this country permission of the owner of the copyright—author or publisher—must be obtained before a dramatization of the work can be produced. If it is not copyrighted, it is legally public property. The percentage of profits to go to the novelist is usually determined by contract. There is no fixed rate.

HARRY CLAY BLANEY AND KITTIE WOLFE.

Harry Clay Blaney and Kittie Wolfe (Mrs. Blaney), whose pictures appear on the first page of this week's Mirror, scarcely need an introduction. Their pictures could appear without their names being attached, and probably ninety-nine out of every one hundred readers of THE MIRROR would know just whose pictures they were looking at. Mr. Blaney surprised everybody a few weeks ago when he announced that he would desert the legitimate theatre in which he and his charming little wife have been such popular stars for many years with their own companies, to appear in vaudeville this season. Harry Clay Blaney is undoubtedly one of the strongest drawing cards that has ever appeared in the better class of popular priced theatres in this country, and, together with talented Kittie Wolfe, they made a pair that were welcomed from coast to coast, and the managers of these theatres sincerely regret their departure into the vaudeville field.

Mr. Blaney knows his profession well; not only a clever comedian, but the author of several comedy-dramas that have been successfully produced, he is also an excellent stage director, and always attends to the general management of his own companies. He has the happy faculty of making the members of his company always feel that they are working with him and not for him, and is personally popular with all of his business associates. Mr. Blaney has made enough money by the production of his plays to retire now, and has decided to devote at least one-half of each year to pleasure, and by playing in vaudeville he can arrange to do this nicely. He owns a handsome estate at Centre Moriches, Long Island, consisting of many acres of fine land directly on the Great South Bay, where with his fast motor boat, the Kittie B., a large touring car, several ponies, game and fancy stock of nearly every description, it is no wonder that both Mr. and Mrs. Blaney wish to spend more time at their home.

The Blaneys opened in Chicago Oct. 12, at the Majestic Theatre, in their vaudeville sketch, which is a snappy little one-act farce called The Boy, the Girl and the Count, written by Mr. Blaney and Edward Weitzel, and from all accounts it has proven an instantaneous success. The act will be reviewed in THE MIRROR later. On Oct. 12, just five years ago, Mr. Blaney asked Kittie Wolfe, who was then a member of his company, if she would sign a "life contract" with him. She consented, and became Mrs. Harry Clay Blaney. Both have carried out their part of the contract faithfully, and any one who knows this little couple personally will tell you that the engagement has been an extremely happy one.

AMERICAN DRAMATISTS MEET.

At the annual meeting of the American Dramatists' Club at the club rooms, 133 West Forty-fifth Street, on Oct. 7, the will of the late Bronson Howard, the founder and President of the club until his death last June, in so far as it applied to his bequest of his dramatic books and the sum of \$5,000 to the club, was read. The announcement was received with satisfaction by the members, and several short speeches were made. It was stated that the library embraces 1,000 volumes of dramatic literature, chiefly plays ancient and modern.

It was decided to hold the public memorial meeting in honor of Mr. Howard at the Lyceum Theatre, on Sunday, Oct. 18.

Augustus Thomas was elected President of the club for the ensuing year; J. I. C. Clarke, First Vice-President; Charles Klein, Second Vice-President; R. B. Valentine, Recording Secretary; Mark E. Swan, Corresponding Secretary; Richard A. Purdy, Treasurer; directors: Harry F. Mawson, Milton Nobles, Joseph Grismer, Charles Barnard, and William C. De Mille.

BELLE OF NEW YORK SUIT ENDS.

In a decision rendered on Oct. 5 the Court of Appeals sustained the Supreme Court in an action brought by the Lederer Amusement Company against the writer and composer of The Belle of New York and the agent of it. The Lederer Company, in August, 1904, sought to restrain Gustave Kerker, the composer; Charles S. McEllen, the librettist, and Arthur W. Tams from permitting the musical comedy to be presented. The author and composer won from the first, but George W. Lederer has fought the case through every court. Lederer asserted that the writers originally assigned their entire interest in the play to him, and he in turn assigned it to the Lederer Amusement Company. In a decision against the plaintiff by Justice Fitzgerald in May, 1907, he said it appeared the Lederer Amusement Company existed solely for the purpose of bringing the action.

DE WOLF HOPPER HAS A FALL.

At the close of the first act of What Happened Then at Syracuse, N. Y., on Oct. 5, the harness arrangement used by De Wolf Hopper in making an aerial flight became unstayed and Mr. Hopper fell to the stage, a distance of eight feet. He struck on his head and shoulders and was unconscious for half an hour. The audience was dismissed, but Mr. Hopper recovered sufficiently to appear on Tuesday night. A slight lameness is the only result of the accident.

DONNA SEYMOUR RECONFINED.

The trial of Donna Seymour, charged with the larceny of \$300 from Charles Granaull, of West Twenty-third Street, upon representation that he was to be employed as assistant treasurer in a theatrical company that never played, ended in a disagreement of the jury last Friday, and Judge Foster committed the prisoner to the Tombs to await another trial.

BELASCO PLAYS IN BROOKLYN ACADEMY.

David Belasco's plays will be presented at the new Academy of Music in Brooklyn this season, instead of at the Shuberts' Brooklyn house. This arrangement was made after the Shuberts had given up the Park Theatre and before they acquired the Grand Opera House, across the bridge. In other cities Belasco plays will appear in Shubert houses as before.

SPECULATORS' HEARING ADJOURNED.

When the representatives of the theatrical managers and ticket speculators met at the City Hall Thursday afternoon it was found that there were not enough members of the Committee of Laws and Legislation of the Aldermen present to constitute a quorum. By mutual agreement the hearing was adjourned until Wednesday, Oct. 14, at two o'clock.

HENRY W. SAVAGE SAILS.

Henry W. Savage sailed for Italy on Oct. 6 to be gone a month or more. He expects to pay a visit to Paris to see a new opera called The Prince-Zilah. He will also go to Milan to meet D'Alzano, composer of The Resurrection of Tolstoi, that has been running in Italy for two seasons.

MAY ROBSON'S SEASON.

May Robson's season in The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary did not close on Oct. 8, the date erroneously announced for the end of her tour. Miss Robson has had no intention of closing, but is booked well into the Winter. The play has been constantly successful on the road.

COPYRIGHT CASE POSTPONED.

The examination of Nance O'Neil and McKee Rankin for alleged infringement of copyright, set for last Thursday, was postponed until Thursday of this week by agreement of counsel. The case relates to a performance of The First of St. John.

THE USHER



Writing from Philadelphia, C. Nick Stark comments on a reference in THE MIRROR to the Pennsylvania church that is said to be in a state of division because the wife of the pastor thereof has adopted a stage career.

"This again suggests an idea that has often occurred to me—namely, that with some churches it is a matter of professional jealousy of the theatre," writes Mr. Stark. "I can't see why some preachers and some parishioners have any right to condemn the theatre as an institution when we find the modern church becoming more and more theatrical in its tendencies as time goes on." Mr. Stark continues:

This was forcibly impressed upon me recently when I was obliged to attend a certain Baptist church of this City of Brotherly Love and odorous politics in my capacity as a newspaper reporter. The pastor's announcement that he was to preach on the melodramatic subject, "Philadelphia After Midnight" (Hal Reid please copy), drew a packed house. They "stood 'em up." On the billboard (beg pardon, blackboard!) outside the sacred edifice was the name of the 10-20-30 magnet in glaring letters. Facing the congregation was a very of chorus girls who averaged well in physical charm with those employed in musical comedy productions.

Being an actor myself betimes, I could not fail to note that the orchestra leader was alive to the value of placing his most comely singers in the front row. The leader wielded his baton with all the energy and skill of an operatic director; and the orchestra, which consisted of a pianist, a cornetist and a slide trombonist, provided lively accompaniment. (The old-fashioned organ sat in a corner, neglected and forgotten.) The programme was pleasingly diversified with soprano, baritone and bass solos, and, as a gruesome headliner to an otherwise interesting vaudeville night, the preacher gave a sensational account of his experiences during a tour of the Tenderloin, depicting in ungraceful rhetoric the gloom and horror of the life of its denizens. The rough and ready melodrama, with all its thrills and sensationalism, is relieved by touches of sunshine, and teaches its lesson in its own crude way. "Philadelphia After Midnight" did neither. The pastor's references to scenes in the underworld caused audible merriment among the girls in the congregation.

In making his announcements for the week he called attention to the fact that the orchestra would rehearse on such a night for a forthcoming play; that the chorus would meet on another night, and that some new films had been purchased for the moving picture machine; which, he said, had been a power in the way of conversions.

There is no denying the fact that the methods of many preachers are neither churchly nor religious. Perhaps it is because the standard of men who adopt the pulpit has been lowered in recent times, as any one may see.

The event which Mr. Stark chronicles, however, is not so strikingly theatrial as one announced to take place in a church in Taylorville, Ohio, no later than a week ago.

This event was to be witnessed in the Presbyterian church of Taylorville, the Rev. Charles E. Campbell, pastor. The announcement, telegraphed from Springfield, Ohio, was as follows:

This clergyman has decided to add vaudeville to his Sunday evening service in the hope of drawing a larger attendance. In the local newspapers yesterday he announced that on next Sunday evening before the sermon the pastor would perform the famous handcuff act. With a heavy steel chain he will allow any one in the audience to bind both wrists and fasten the chain securely with a padlock, and he promises to release himself in ten minutes. Permission is given the audience to examine the chain and to furnish the padlock if so desired.

And a New York newspaper yesterday contained a dispatch from Pittsburgh embodying the report of a minority committee of a Presbyterian church of that city against a clergyman who is to leave that field for a church in Brooklyn. In this report is the following:

Now or throughout the present pastorate a maximum of brass bands, orchestras, theatre and opera singers, \$5,000 a year chorus leaders, cornetists, famous pianists, stereopticon and moving picture shows, Sunday newspaper sermons, theatre and park services, newspaper, billboard and circus style advertising generally, at an enormous cost, with a minimum of the Gospel, have been among the high pressure methods employed to bring dying men and women into the kingdom. Has the un-Presbyterian experiment been a success? Witness a scattered, disorganized and discouraged congregation, witness the empty pews. Now also in addition to his \$7,000 salary, and by reason of his position and standing as a Presbyterian divine, the pastor enjoys a large income from his contributions to the rather un-Presbyterian illustrated Sunday newspapers; he has the services of a secretary, paid by the church, and the congregation also takes care of his telegraph, telephone, automobile and carriage bills. He has accepted jury duty, from which ministers are always exempt, to the great neglect of his duties to the church, to the sick, the dying and the dead.

THE MIRROR does not publish these things from any antagonism to religious bodies, or in retaliation for attacks upon the theatre from the pulpit.

Doings of this sort are foreign to the clergy. And if a preacher lacks magnetism and mental ability to draw congregations legitimately he should try some other vocation.

The London Globe, commenting on the tendency to project "rank" on the stage—particularly in London—says:

It has been remarked that in nearly all the plays now running on the London stage the characters are either people of rank or persons of the upper middle class in more than any circumstances. The tragedies or comedies of low life are conspicuous by their absence, or, at any rate, seldom seen beyond the curtain-raiser. This is only part of the general tendency, to which we have before now referred, on the part of the average playgoer to resent seeing his or her likes on the stage. If people are to be shown up in the theatre they must have titles or they will not be tolerated. The average playgoer actually prefers to go to a piece in which the characters, especially the wicked ones, have titles. The hero may be of humble birth, but the villain must at least be a "bold, bad baronet." It is one of the conventions insisted upon by the playgoer, and playwrights who wish to succeed must bow to the inevitable.

The Globe in the course of other remarks on the subject instances the play Letty, which, it says, was "actually resented because of Hilda Gunning, who was much too true to life to be acceptable." Had she been Lady Hilda Gunning, it was argued, no one would have objected to her, "because then she would have been more or less a person of fantasy."

If this be all true, does it not relate closely to the theory of degeneracy in the "upper classes" of England which "Vanoc" and other deep thinkers and strong writers in England are deploring, with reference to political exigencies and probable European complications?

Yet there is a question as to its truth. Too many English dramatists of recognized powers confine themselves to subjects that give rise to the theory propounded by the Globe.

If as dramatists they were to treat with equal power and truth more homely subjects and characters, even eliminating the contrasting elements of "nobility," their plays would be accepted by the great public which recognizes real drama, without reference to the class of persons with whom it deals.

MRS. FISKE IN SALVATION NELL.

Mrs. Fiske called her company together last week at the Belasco Theatre for a first reading of her new play. Little information has been given out of Mrs. Fiske's plans for the season, and even the members of the Manhattan company were in the dark as to the play itself. The title is *Salvation Nell*; the author, Edward Sheldon, a graduate of Harvard of 1906.

It is a story of the great under-world of misery and degradation lightened and ennobled by the uplifting power of the purest love. Despite its title, it preaches no religious lesson beyond this, but it shows that all that is best in human nature can spring from the lowliest and the most despised.

Mrs. Fiske plays the part of a drudge, a scrub woman in a saloon; ignorant and surrounded by vice in its most brutal forms, but into whose life comes the wisdom that passeth understanding—the power of self-sacrifice and of spiritual love. The play reflects with striking realism the teeming life of the tenements and of the streets. It does not lay stress on the misery of that life, but brings into relief its joys and quaint humor quite as much as its sorrows.

The scene of the play is New York city. It is to be staged with much picturesqueness of detail by Harrison Grey Fiske and will have a company of forty.

THE TRAITOR PRODUCED.

According to reports, the success of *The Traitor*, the dramatic sequel to *The Cansman*, promises to equal, if it does not exceed, that of its predecessor. The *Traitor*'s premiere occurred in Norfolk, Va., on Sept. 28, just three years after the first production of *The Cansman*. Thomas Dixon, Jr., and Channing Pollock, the authors; George F. Ruxton, the manager, and George Foster Platt, the stage director, were all present at the launching of the new enterprise. Two new companies will be organized by Mr. Brennan immediately to present the play in other parts of the country, making four *Traitor* organizations in all. *The Traitor* is said to deal with less bitterness with the negro problem than *The Cansman*.

SHUBERT WINS FROM ZIEGFELD.

City Court Justice McAvoy directed a jury last Friday to return a verdict in favor of Lee Shubert against Florence Ziegfeld, Jr., for \$1,000 and \$200 interest. The action arose out of an arrangement Shubert made with Ziegfeld for the services of Anna Held. Miss Held was to receive \$1,000 a week for two seasons of thirty weeks each. Ziegfeld agreed to this, and received an advance from Shubert of \$1,000. He, however, put off signing a contract. The next Shubert heard of it was when Miss Held signed with Klaw and Erlanger. He then demanded the return of the \$1,000 advanced, which Ziegfeld refused.

COHAN AND HARRIS-WALTER CONTROVERSY.

The grievance of Messrs. Cohan and Harris against Eugene Walter, the dramatist, in which the former allege breach of contract on the part of Mr. Walter in not giving their firm a sixty-day option on each of his new plays, has reached a point where the theatrical firm threatens legal prosecution. Cohan and Harris claim a contract with Mr. Walter under the terms of which the dramatist gives the managers an option on all plays which he might write during a term of five years, beginning May 1, 1906. The firm asserts that Paid in Full was not submitted to them. Mr. Walters' defense is awaited by those interested.

REBECCA WARREN IN NORFOLK AND RICHMOND.

James D. Barton will present Rebecca Warren and her company for a special stock engagement in Norfolk and Richmond, beginning Thursday night of this week. Miss Warren will divide her time between the two cities, playing three nights of the week in each. The opening bill will be *The Belle of Richmond*, followed, probably, by *At Piney Ridge*.

GILLETTE PRODUCES SAMSON.

The first performance of *Samson*, by Henri Bernstein, was given at the Lyceum Theatre, Rochester, N. Y., on Oct. 9, with William Gillette in the title-role. Others in the cast were Constance Collier, Marie Walworth, Frederic de Belleville, George Probert, Pauline Frederic, and Arthur Byron.

THE LONDON STAGE.

THE RUSH OF PLAY PRODUCING LETTING UP A BIT.

The New Drury Lane Melodrama—Mistakes of Mayfair a Big Success—The Kendals in The Whirlpool—Based on Coffee Speculation—Notes of London Players.

(Special Correspondence of The Mirror.)

LONDON, Sept. 28.—The rapid rush of recent new play productions narrowed itself this week down to two examples—one West End and one suburban. It chanced, however, that the West End sample was of the largest possible dimensions—the new Drury Lane drama, to wit—and that the suburban specimen being a production by Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, also of course called for more specific attention than usually is demanded by new plays in extra-mural districts. Extramural I may remind you, is Latinized Londonese for "outside the city walls."

The Drury Lane production was that of the new Autumn drama written by those sometime resident playwrights, Cecil Raleigh and Henry Hamilton for Manager Arthur Collins to produce on Old Drury's new stage, now 100 feet deep—which stage has been constructed to take the place of the classic "boards" destroyed by the Drury Lane Theatre fire last Spring.

This new Drury Lane drama is entitled *The Marriages of Mayfair*, and like most Old Druryan new dramas of the last quarter of a century, or so, it deals with very up-to-date matters. The subject of marriage and divorce, especially as regards marriages contracted and divorces engineered abroad, has been much in the English air of late months. Therefore the Drury Lane drama, being ever alert in such matters, have made this subject the pivot, so to speak, of their this year's dramatic labors.

They start by showing that the late Lord Alaric Villiers (you must pronounce it Villars, you know, as per ancient English aristocratic custom) has been married to a dancing girl named Sylvia Thorne before he espoused Lady Margaret, the mother of the chief hero, Nigel Villiers. But (mark you) early in the play's proceedings it is shown to be more than likely that although his late lordship took care to obtain a divorce in Geneva from his first wife before he married his second, the said divorce was not regarded as legal in the British Isles. Also that as his first wife was (apparently) alive when he married his second, and that the second wife is "a wife in name only," as they may on the stage. Likewise that consequently the hero, the aforesaid Nigel, is not so much heir as hero!

The matrimonial and paternal and maternal cross is (pro tem.) taken advantage of by a very designing young music hall singer, Rosalie Blisset by name. She is egged on by her still more designing mamma. Rosalie contrives to lure the supposed next heir, the weary and somewhat washed out Lord Adolphus (or "Dolly") Villiers, into marrying her. The designers (now plus the villain Jim Callender) easily lure "Dolly" into this match, because they persuade him that the attentions which he has paid her have compromised her reputation.

Once Rosalie (the villainous series) is married to the supposed next heir, she forces him to take her to the family mansion at Deermister to drive out both Nigel, who has just gone down to take possession, and to lord it (or lady it) over Nigel's haughty, aristocratic mamma, who in the first scene (at Rumpelmayer's restaurant, Regent Street) has snubbed and scorned the series in a very scornful and snubbish manner.

When this Villiers estate and mixed marriage business has reached thus far, meaning the driving out of the hero and his hitherin haughty mamma, the dramatic interest of *The Marriages of Mayfair* suddenly shifts to the young brother of Nigel's sweetheart, Dorothy Gore. This young fellow has become mixed up with a very showy show girl of the theatres, one Lily de Mario. This very extremely shady lady has so bled the foolish fellow that, having promised her certain priceless gems, he soon falls an easy prey to the chief villain, a money lending bookmaker named Jim Callender. Jim not only leads the lad into forging Nigel's name on certain bills, but also he gradually tempts him into stealing even the very crown jewels from the Tower of London itself!

I may warn any potential pilferers of these priceless regal gems of ours that it is by no means so easy a task to negotiate as it appears to be in the new Drury Lane drama. But, of course, some allowance must be made for dramatic "make believe," or we should not get any dramas at all, Drury Lane or otherwise. Should we?

Still, I assure you, that this big Tower of London act is really remarkable, with its wonderful scenes of that ancient building, planned, port-cullises, bastions, and so forth, set forth as first planned by J. Cesar, when he and his confounded Roman myrmidons first marched into our glorious old town some two thousand years ago.

The gradual planning of the crown jewels theft and its carrying out ends with the lured-on young pilferer being unwittingly shot to death by order of his own father, the Governor of the said Tower. All this is worked out as powerfully as picturesquely, and vice versa. Indeed, the whole of this act, with its revolving Tower and Thames scenes, is one of the most tremendous scenic triumphs ever worked even on this famous old theatre.

After this intermediate act, as one might call it, the sometime post-aside interest regarding the disputed marriage and the rightful heirship of the Deermister title and estates is again taken up. It becomes necessary for the disappointed hero to travel abroad in order to trace the whereabouts of the long-lost correspondent concerned in that Geneva divorce. In this search the hero, Nigel, is aided and abetted by Lord "Dolly," who, though he has seized the Deermister estates at the instance of his villainous "series" wife, doesn't want to keep them. Nigel's sweetheart, Dorothy, also goes on the Continental trip to give a chance of recuperation to her poor, broken-hearted father, the General, whom the shame and death of his son has quite broken up. Also traveling in these Continental parts is the villain Jim, who after luring the General's son on to stealing King Edward's regalia, got away with those priceless gems and since then has been traveling about in sundry carriages and a blue funk.

Anon, finding Nigel on his track, the villain lures him to the top of an Alpine pass during a raging snowstorm, and (as Oberonifer did to Vendel in *No Throughfare*) he drags Nigel and dashes him underfoot in the snow. This really wonderfully arranged scene ends with the rescue of Nigel by Dorothy and her party (Dorothy having seen "a vision" of her lover's danger), and by the villain and his horse crashing down! down!! down!!! into an awful chasm! Truly a most startling and thrilling sensation!

After the recovery of Nigel and the tracing of the now sorrowful correspondent, it is proved that the late Earl's first wife (the theatrical lady) died two years before his second marriage; and so all ends happily with the marriage of Nigel and Dorothy in the grand old Tower of London, the vast stage being crowded with the loveliest ladies in the loveliest dresses ever seen in any drama.

The Marriages of Mayfair is admirably acted by Lyn Harding as the villain Jim; Vincent Clive as his regalia-robbing dupe; Oscar Adye as the trustful correspondent; Albert Chevalier as the sometime foolish old Lord "Dolly"; Basil Gill as the hero Nigel; and Eva Moore as the second-sighted heroine Dorothy. Clever little Marie George worked nobly as the long-ungrateful series "cat." When pulled together and shorn of about an hour's superfluous dialogue, *The Marriages of Mayfair* will be a huge success. There was only one special blot on the piece—namely, a rowdy scene in which a set of music hall artists are supposed to figure and to drink and fight and howl the Water Rats' "anthem."

CUBA NIBLO.



Cuba Niblo is winning remarkable success this season for her artistic performance of the title-role in *Jane Eyre*, a new dramatization of Miss Brontë's novel now in its first season under the direction of the Howland-Clifford Company.

as these variety rodents strangely call this bacchanalian chaunt. The whole episode was not only utterly unfunny, but it was a gratuitous and most offensive insult to the variety (or vaudeville) profession as a whole. Protests were made by the Variety Artists' Federation and the aforesaid "Rat" early in the week, and I am glad to report that by Thursday Manager Arthur Collins and his auths. removed the offensive matter. 'Tis well!

The Whirlpool, produced by the Kendals at the Marlborough, Holloway, last Monday and played there nearly all the week, is by Herbert Swann, a well-known man about town. It is a clever comedy on much the same lines as your Frank Norris' story, "The Pit," a dramatization of which, called *The Worst Pit*, was played here a few years ago. Like that drama, *The Whirlpool* is somewhat overdone with speculation and "cornering" technicalities, chiefly revolving around Elijah D. Tillotson, a mining engineer who has "roughed it out West." He falls in love with a wealthy heiress, Constance Livingstone to wit, but finding himself too poor to seek her hand in marriage, he indulges in the aforesaid speculations. He and others concerned in the coffee cornering in which he becomes involved have an exciting old time before all ends happily.

Mrs. Kendal as Constance is seen at her comely best with an added touch of pathos, and William H. Kendal as Elijah plays better than ever he has played in all his life. Excellent support is given by Edmund Gurney, Metcalfe Wood, Sara de Groot, Mrs. A. B. Tapping, Ethel Dane, and Bessie Roe. In sum, *The Whirlpool* bids fair to go on Whirlpooling in the Kendal repertory for a good while to come.

By the way, Mrs. Kendal has been getting herself disliked for an utterance she let fall the other day in Blackpool. Being asked to attend a kind of tea meeting of ballet girls there, she remarked that she thought that all such stage girls, especially the 200 ballet girls now touring in a grand new spectacle at the Blackpool Alhambra, would be better engaged in domestic service, kitchen work, etc.

Ellen Terry has also been getting herself disliked by some for the rather untidied things she has written in her just published autobiography about her late great chief, Sir Henry Irving. To me and to all who knew and loved (and had reason to love) the lamented Irving, such remarks as Miss Terry's are only treated with extreme pool-pool-funness.

Another comedy success recently to hand is *The Early Worm*, written by Frederick Lonsdale and produced by Frank Curzon at Wyndham's, where *When Knights Were Bold*, with James Welch, recently achieved a two years' run. This week, funny three-act farce, giving splendid opportunities for the ever droll little Wesdon Greenwith to be seen at his very drollest. He plays the name part—a sort of well-meaning bouncer who gets mixed up among aristocratic families and culchaved eligible sweethearts. Wesdon is surrounded by an excellent group of fellow comedians, including A. E. Matthews, A. W. Rankcomb, Fanny Brough, Alfred Bishop and Muriel Beaumont.

I refer to say that *Faust*, written by Stephen Phillips and Conyns Carr and produced by Actor-Manager Beerboom Tree, is already drawing enormous business at His Majesty's—which some wicked wags delight to call His Majesty's Theatre. Most of our more superlative critics of the culchaved cult have written of this production as though they would fain see on any and every stage *Faust* all poem and no play, forgetting that such an undramatic affair would make playing Jack a very dull boy. The public, however, have (up to now, anyway) signified its approval in the usual manner—that is, by crowding round the theatre daily from early morn in order to book seats, which for the present they have to book far ahead. When I looked in again at the New Faust-eries last night the theatre was thronged from floor to ceiling, and the enthusiasm was every whit as great as on the memorable *Faust*—I mean first-night a few evenings back.

But perhaps your Gawain may be permitted to hint that he really does think that Ellen Terry is the last person in the world who should speak or write slightly of her dead friend Irving. *Vols! tour! I leave it at that.* GAWAIN.

MADAME KALICH'S PLAY.

Cora has been chosen as the title of the new play which Fred de Gresac has written for Bertha Kalich, rehearsal for which are now being held in New York city. Harrison Grey Fiske will produce this important novelty in Cincinnati on the 26th, and bring it to New York later in the season.

The play is the first product of Madame de Gresac's prolonged stay in America, where she has made a careful study of the American point of view as regards French "comedies de mœurs." The play reflects the studio and theatrical life of Paris, of which Madame de Gresac is a brilliant interpreter. It tells a strongly emotional story, but is neither tragic nor gloomy, and does not treat even remotely of the everlasting triangle of the sexes.

Mr. Fiske has engaged a notable company for Madame Kalich's support and has given the play a richly picturesque setting.

AT THE GERMAN THEATRES.

Dr. Arthur Koza's translation of *The Devil* was presented at the new German Theatre on Fifty-ninth Street last week, opening on Oct. 6. Eugene Burg appeared in the title-role; the artist, called Ludwig, by Curt Grosser; the wife (Klathel), by Marguerite Koff; the model (Lilly), by Hanna Prell; and the girl (Else), by Martha Suler. The German translation follows the original Hamann closely. Sunday night Sudermann's *John Fiske* was given. This week the German production of *Glück* will be presented. At the Irving Place house The Dancing Hus was continued throughout the week.

IN CHICAGO PLAYHOUSES.

BUSINESS CONTINUES GOOD AT MOST OF THE THEATRES WITH GOOD PLAYS.

Fritzi Schell in The Prima Donna a Hit—A Waltz Dream Well Liked—William Faversham—Donald Robertson's Season Begins—News of Plays and Players.

(Special to The Mirror.)

CHICAGO, Oct. 12.—Fritzi Schell, fashionably slender and handsomely hiplessly gowned, started her season last week at the Studebaker in The Prima Donna, a new musical play by Victor Herbert and Henry Blossom. It was an exceedingly handsome production, with music far above the ordinary, and novelty and dramatic interest in the book. Miss Schell has several stately young all of which are enthusiastically endorsed, and some serious acting at the climax of the first act, which she does cleverly. There is a gem of a military march. Several songs are a happy union of wit and humor and tunefulness. One of the handiest, most stunning displays of gowns and hats ever seen on the local stage throws Messrs. Blossom and Herbert temporarily into complete eclipse, as far as the women in the audience are concerned. The first act is in the café of the Golden Apple, St. Germaine, Paris, and shows the little stage of the café at the side. The leader's piano is in front, and the stage proper is filled with theatre seats and tables and chairs. Soldiers and young women appear in the café naturally. Singers from Paris have been engaged, and one, a pale young woman, is too ill to go on. Athene, a prima donna in great favor at Paris, happens in, and without revealing who she is arranges to take the place of the poor singer, after giving her a lesson in the art of singing. A young lieutenant who has composed a ballad asks her to sing it, and she consents. This little romance is carried through the play, without much complication. The second act is a picturesque exterior showing a club house and grounds, the dress-making, the millinery, the gay uniforms of the military band.

James E. Sullivan as the German professor, pianist in the café and leader of the military band, has a conspicuous part which he plays in thoroughly popular and successful manner. William Raymond has the engaging and sincere manner required for Lieutenant Armand, the requisite good looks and voice. W. J. Ferguson as the spendthrift father of the prima donna is of course always perfectly in the part. Robert E. Clark makes the semi-comic, serio-comic, contemplative song, "Everybody Else's Girl Looks Better to Me Than Mine," an enjoyable number. In spite of his rather far-fetched points, there is a strong reason in the comedy who can sing, sustained melody like a flute, and for her gift, as well as for the music, the audience insists on many repetitions of the octette. In the company are Nace Bonville, Josephine Bartlett, Gwendolyn Valentine, William K. Harcourt, Donald Hall, Martin Hayden, George W. McNamara, Ruth Branson, Herbert Ayling, St. Clair Bayfield, Ruth Holt Boucicault (who plays the duchess most properly and completely), Blanche Morrison, Armand Corcoran, Peter Canova, Grace Spencer, Emma Dyrce, Catherine Stewart (who does the marguerite excellently), Margaret Rose, Gertrude Dorema, Virginia Reid and Margaret May. The production was staged for Mr. Dillingham by Fred G. Latham. The attendance has equalled the large capacity of the Studebaker ever since the opening.

Manager Will J. Davis has seldom had a finer, saner and more graceful musical production at the Illinois than A Waltz Dream. A great deal is said about the music, by Oscar Straus, and not much about the libretto, but Chicago audiences evidently find them equally interesting. The theatre was filled Wednesday night and seemed to be charmed by the newness and ingenuity of the scenes as well as such delightfully unbacked numbers as "The Piccolo." The waits at the close of the second act arouse special admiration and sustains the name of Straus and Vienna for capturing melodies in three-four time. The Waltz Dream makes a constant and elegant appeal in its own behalf for fine voices and engaging actors. Armand Kells and Sofie Brandt as the lieutenant and the leader of the ladies' orchestra, and Octavia Brooks as Princess Helene were the central figures of the romance, with Henry Donnelly, Josie Sadler, and Joseph Herbert in the leading comedy roles. Henry Coote sang well as Montch and made a hit of Ivan Caryll's interpolated song, "The Prater." The engagement is for seven weeks.

William Faversham in The World and His Wife has attracted a houseful nightly at the Garrick and won his usual praise in the press. Credit has been given the author of the English version of El Gran Galeoto for having written it exceptionally well. Julie Opp and a talented company are supporting Mr. Faversham. The World and His Wife will be continued this week. In the review of this production it has been stated that El Gran Galeoto was first played here at the New Theatre, now the Whitney. A further examination of the play's history in this city will reveal the fact that El Gran Galeoto's masterpiece was first produced here by the Messrs. Ziegfeld, of the Chicago Musical College, with pupils of its department of dramatic art, at the Studebaker Theatre. It was a surprisingly adequate performance.

Donald Robertson and company have started their art theatre season at the Art Institute (Fulton Hall) with Verdi's The Trial. The stage of Fulton Hall is not as big for "atmosphere" as that of the Boston Museum, where some of these French masterpieces were put on elaborately a number of years ago, but serves to keep this "movement" alive, and Mr. Robertson manages to give a creditable presentation. There was an audience of good size earnestly interested. Mr. Robertson played Euphemon, the brothers Lieb played the brothers Bushmon, William Owen played Menon, and Rodlich played Lise, Alice John, Martha; Grace Marchand, the Baroness; Ralph Bradley, Jamin. Maude Adams will open her season at Powers on Oct. 26, with Barrie's What Every Woman Knows.

The English and Italian duplex grand opera company at the International is reported to have attracted good audiences with Faust, the English version leading box officially. Sig. Sheehan and Aida Hennel lead in the English company.

Jane Evans, formerly of the Casino Square dramatic stock, Boston; Hale Hamilton, formerly with Hackett, and Cecile Breton, of this city, are in the musical stock of the Garden. Nellie Beaumont is the comedienne.

Frank O. Peers, who was a member of Manager Milward Adams' Auditorium Theatre staff for many seasons, has been appointed treasurer and assistant manager of the Whitney Opera House, a promotion of which his numerous friends will be glad to hear. During the absence of Samuel P. Gerson in a hospital, where he recently was operated on for appendicitis, Mr. Peers will be acting manager.

Toby Lyons, who is especially popular about this town and was one of the most successful comedians at the La Salle in The Isle of Spice days, seems a particularly happy choice by Manager Thomas Noonan for the important position of comedian of the new musical stock at the Garden theatre.

The Lucky Rich, which seemed to some observers like Rupert Hughes, The Triangle, was produced at the Bush Temple Theatre last week and received a good deal of attention in the newspapers, but not of the encouraging sort. A matinee audience Wednesday seemed to find the play rather more creditable, but hardly satisfactory, there being no hero or heroine. The leading woman part is a character pretty thoroughly discredited and disgraced, and the leading man part is outspokenly a cad. Contrasting with these are the invulnerable heroes and heroines of melodrama, and undoubtedly their effect is better. New writers for the stage have "blamed it on the women" rather too much of late—the men

writers. The third act shows some skill in play-writing and more skill in staging by Harry O'Neill. George Allison made the hero a cad with as much grace as possible, and Thelma Lawton as an enigma of a high-class woman yielding to temptation, adorning the process with this actress' usual distinction of manner. Mr. McLarnie put life into the part of the American Ambassador with the ease of ample ability, and Mr. McMane did the rich young husband with marked skill, evenness and a general finish. Miss Butler was admirable in the character of Mrs. Hobson.

Henry D. Carey, who writes his play, stars in it, books his production, directs rehearsals and writes his own music, will be at the Academy next week in Montana.

Low Dockstader has been credited since his arrival at McVicker's with the best minstrel production of his career, and this enthusiastic praise is well founded. The entertainment is a kind of minstrel-musical-comedy cleverly arranged, with excellent entertainers in all the important instances. The audiences have all been big; applause frequent and emphatic. Mr. Dockstader was a song hit, and his scheme to take an alibi North of the river and grab the pole as the earth whirled it by is regarded here as immensely funny. Nell O'Brien causes pleasurable convulsions as usual, and Al Johnson is a hit.

A creditable dramatization of "Jane Eyre," by Peter G. Platti, well staged by Rowland and Clifford, was the bill at the Columbus last week. Cuba Niblo, a sincere and capable emotional actress, is featured in the title-role. She looks the part, and avoiding melodrama tendencies to excess, gives an excellent portrayal which holds the respectful interest of the audience at all times. The supporting company is good. The audiences were unusually large all week.

Ruth White, the star of The Burgomaster, which Manager Cullen, of this city, is still keeping on tour with perennial success, has a new song hit, "I Wish I Had a Girl," which she sings as Willie Vanastorff, in male attire.

John Cort, who was in town last week and went West, accompanied by Harry Frasse, his associate in numerous enterprises, informed The Mirror definitely that The Alaskan was booked at the Studebaker and would begin a run there as a summer attraction on April 4. The Alaskan is a musical comedy by Joseph Blethen, son of a millionaire newspaper owner, A. J. Blethen, of Seattle, with music by Harry Girard. Mr. Cort regards Chicago as the great amusement field of the country, and finds more prosperity in the theatre here this season than in any city east of Chicago.

Frances De Witt has been appointed press representative of the Garden Theatre.

Willard Feely has joined the Players' Stock at the Bush Temple.

Helen Stockdale, a young Chicagoan who recently joined the profession, played the important part of the Higgs girl in York State Folks at the People's last week.

Jess B. Fulton gathered a stock company here last week for the annual season at Lincoln, Neb., opening with The Devil next week. In the company are Horace V. Noble and Enid May Jackson, leads; Clarence Bellaire and Mrs. Bellaire, E. J. Caldwell, Ray Foster, Roy D. Clifton, Raymond Knott, Eddie Forrest, Therese Lorraine, Josephine Randall and Belle Jackson.

Harry Davis, formerly of the Studebaker, has been appointed manager of Rose Stahl in the Chorus Lady this season. George Ade Davis continues as assistant manager of the Studebaker.

One Devil company hurried out on the road to-day. The company included Lyman D. and Louise Abbey, who will play the banker and the fiancé. Another Devil company was in preparation to fill an open date at the Columbus this week.

William Jossy and Minnie Keating, engaged for a Western stock for fifty-two weeks, are back in town after five weeks. Ten per cent. is a good return.

Harry Earl is successfully managing a big enterprise on the South Side, the Wallace-Hagenbeck Shows, in the immense Dexter Pavilion at the stock yards. The engagement is a benefit for the members of the Chicago Fire Department. Big crowds have attended. The circus continues until Oct. 19.

The first local stock production of Caught in the Rain will be given at the College Theatre this week.

Will Reed Dunroy, versifier, is incidentally press representative of the Whitney this season.

Claude Gillingwater's sketch at the Majestic last week was the big laugh producer of the bill, getting great applause. The houseful Thursday night was glad to see George Primrose and thoroughly enjoyed the dignity and grace of his dancing. "The" Quartette, the Harvey Family, Juggling Normans and Snyder and Buckley also were among the hits.

J. J. Murdoch will not resign from his position of general manager of the Western Vaudeville Association to head the Olympic on the new plan. He will spend much time in New York, however, his assistant, John Collins, having gone there permanently. The new policy at the Olympic will go into effect on Dec. 7. Smoking will be permitted in the auditorium.

Raymond Hitchcock is due at the Chicago Opera House on Oct. 18, and Algeria is said to be the next attraction booked, with Little Nemo a possibility later.

Mrs. Moore, formerly Elizabeth Sholer, manager of the Bush Temple and College Theatres, has arrived in Chicago from Los Angeles on a visit.

Manager Lyman Glover of the Majestic is getting its new winter dress ready. It will include old rose carpets, rich tapestry effects, elaborate regilding and stunning new uniforms for the ushers.

The first of the German classic matinees at Powers is announced for this afternoon, with Heibel's Gyges and His Ring as the bill. In the company Charlotte Krause makes her debut as Rhodope. Richard Hahn plays Gyges and Conrad Bolton plays the King.

Harry E. Blaney and Kitty Wolfe are headliners of a remarkably fine bill at the Majestic this week, which includes Winona Winter and Ray Boyce.

Flo Irwin heads the Haymarket bill, the Webb-Ronald acrobats at the Star and Frank Gotch, the wrestler, at the Olympic.

Zangwill's new play, The Melting Pot, will be at the Grand Opera House, beginning on Oct. 19. The Lion and the Mouse will be at the Auditorium, beginning on Oct. 18. Oliver Doud Byron heads the company.

We acknowledge greetings from Ellen M. Sanders, secretary of the Shakespeare Society and Chicago Chapter of the Actors' Church Alliance, who is "doing" London just at present.

Julius Engel has been re-engaged as musical director of Ma's New Husband by Manager Harry Scott. Mr. Engel was director of The Yankee Doodle Boy last season.

Charles Hawkins, the well-known comedian who played one part five years with W. A. Montaver in We, Us and Co., the part created by Barr Kendall, is conspicuous in the little company supporting Emmett Corrigan in his sketch.

C. Jay Smith, formerly manager of well-known traveling attractions, is managing the College stock theatre this season for Charles Marvin.

In the College stock this season are Camille D'Arcy, T. Edward McGillen, Earl Stirling, Kenneth Ellis, R. H. Calvert, Joan Adair, Farrell McKnight, and Colla Campbell, the stage director.

The steadily big attendance at the Illinois during the long engagement of Poly of the Circus is one of the events of the season up to date. The cleverly written play and its novelty are two of the secrets.

Frank Pierce, for several seasons in the Auditorium box-office, is now at the Whitney Opera House.

George Peck, formerly of the Chamberlin-Harrington string of theatres, has opened a booking office in Chicago (Grand Opera House) with James Wingfield. They have a long list of towns in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, and Minnesota.

R. W. Maxwell, general manager for W. F. Mann last season, is filling the same position this season, with double reins over a cavalcade of ten attractions.

Chicago has a blind young man who is stead-

ily filling engagements as a trick cyclist, Mr. Copeland, of Copeland and Thomas. He learned his tricks so well before his sight failed he can still do them with the aid of his partner. He faces the future cheerfully.

Walter De Witt, formerly treasurer of the La Salle, had a very successful season in Cleveland as manager of the Coliseum Garden Theatre.

The bills this week: Garrick, William Faversham in The World and His Wife; Illinois, A. Waltz Dream; Grand, William Lackaw; Studebaker, Fritzi Schell; Auditorium, Fifty Million from Boston; Powers, The Servant in the House; McVicker's, Chances; Olcott, Great Northern; Cole and Johnson; Colonial, George Cohen in The Yankee Prince; Whitney, A Broken Idol; La Salle, The Girl at the Helm; Princess, A Stubborn Cinderella; International, Il Trovatore; People's, The Devil; Marlboro, York State Folks; College, Caught in the Rain; Bush Temple, The Girl of the Golden West; Academy, Montana; Columbus, The Devil; Alhambra, Once Shot Sam; Bijou, The Little Organ Grinder; Criterion, Jane Eyre. OTIS COLBURN.

LOUIS JAMES' BIRTHDAY.

Oct. 3 was the sixty-sixth anniversary of Louis James' birth, and immediately after his performance at Austin, Texas, his company, George Eades acting as toastmaster, presented him with a handsome \$250 punch bowl. Manager George Walker and Mrs. Walker assisted the company in giving Mr. James a reception and dispensing the punch, which was made by Mrs. George Walker and enjoyed by all. The evening proved one of the most pleasing in Mr. James' long career on the stage.

GOSIP.

Edith Crollis has joined the Baldwin-Melville Stock company, opening on Sept. 7 as Dagmar in At Piney Ridge.

Hereafter Edward E. Rice will serve as business manager on the executive staff of McKee Rankin, in the management of Napco O'Neill.

Frederick Wallace has been engaged as stage manager for Walker Whitehead in The Melting Pot.

Thomas V. Morrison, who has been with James Young in Brown of Harvard this season, withdrew from the cast at Winston, N. C., on Oct. 10, and has returned to New York.

Gladys Malvera, Corinne Malvera, and Mrs. Cora Malvera, their mother, have been engaged for Louis Mann's support in his new play, opening at the Circle next week. The children have been with Maud Buttery, the Vaughan Glaser Stock, and other companies.

Ruth Holt, in private life Mrs. Aubrey Bonicault, has joined Fritzi Schell's company in the latter's new musical play, The Prima Donna.

Harry Stuart, late of His Honor the Mayor and Phil Paul, is now acting as stage manager and handling the part of Heinrich in The Devil company, headed by Joseph Kilmer.

James Blakeley, the English comedian with The Girl of Gottenberg, will remain with the company indefinitely instead of going back to London at the end of three months.

John L. Kerr, manager of the Welting Opera House, Syracuse, has returned to his home after a long illness, and is attending to his duties a part of each day.

Jewell Darrell has been engaged by B. C. Whitnev to play Tilly Day with Frank Deshon in A Knight for a Day. The season opened on Oct. 5.

Herbert S. Swaney, who for the past sixteen years has been associated with well-known attractions throughout the Middle West, has leased the term of years the Harrington Theatre, at Kirksville, Mo. Mr. Swaney's Alhambra, which just closed its first season, was a decided success. Next season a perfect season of bill twice a week.

Helen Elye has been engaged for The Soul Kiss, opening last week at the Grand Opera House, New York.

Collin Varrey has been engaged for the part of Karl Linders in The First Victim, while David Dwyer will play Adalind in the same place, under the management of Truman James.

Herbert Milward has been engaged by Edward Waldmann for his production of The Devil.

Six members of The Maloney's Wedding company are reported as stranded in Durand, Mich., after the company passed through a series of misadventures extending down the coast from Chicago.

George W. Mitchell, of Messenger Boy No. 42, is a charter member of Newark, N. J., Lodge of Elks, and when he appeared in that city last week he was given a large floral piece by his fellow members. Mr. Mitchell is sixty-five years old, and has been a member of Newark Lodge for thirty-five years.

Arthur Hoops suffered a slight cut above his eye during the duelling scene in the last act of The Prisoner of Zenda at the Hackett Theatre last Thursday night. In the estimation of Mr. Hackett, however, the tiny wound was but small return for the bad injury he received to his forehead while crossing swords with Mr. Hoops in the same scene a fortnight ago.

William E. Blake is playing the lead and Alma Viva the role of Mrs. Graham with the Northern Lena River's company.

Lily Dean Hart, Grace King, and Isabel Crawford have been engaged for the road company of School Days, opening at Louisville, Ky., next week.

Ira E. Earle and William Donovan closed with the Earl Burgess' company at Baker City, Ore., to join the Moore Stock company at Ogden, Utah.

Josephine Brown has been engaged for Grace Gerson's company in Madame de Gresse's new play, Give and Take.

Evelyn Selbie has been re-engaged as leading woman at the Central Palace, San Francisco, having closed at the Pickwick, San Diego, on Oct. 10. She was recently elected an honorary member of San Diego Lodge T. M. A.

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

(Continued from page 4.)

The present season all the moving picture theatres will have to close and the business of showing people will revert to their old love, the drama.

TOMORROW.—Business conditions here might be said to be in a satisfactory shape as a year ago, and as far as such conditions affect the theatrical situation the outlook appears quite bright. Worthwhile attractions did well here last season, and offerings of like merit should prove money-makers during the season now under way. The failure of inferior offerings here last season should prove a correcting example to any such contemplating a visit to Toronto this coming winter.

MISCELLANEOUS.

These reports were received too late for inclusion in their regular sections:

BUNTON HARBOR, MICH.—The outlook is brighter than it has been in years. Increased activity in all branches of trade is noticeable.

CAROLTON, O.—The theatrical outlook this season in this city is very bright. The industrial concerns, of which are the pottery, rubber plant and other manufacturers, are working with full forces, and several of them contemplate erection of additions to the near future in order to handle their increasing business.

FREELAND, PA.—The outlook is very good. This part of the anthracite coal belt has not felt the panic which has prevailed throughout the country for the past year. The mines are working steadily, and money is reported as plentiful. All summer amusements have been well patronized. The theatrical outlook is good. An up-to-date vaudeville house is now building. The town supports two up-to-date moving picture shows. Their admissions for a recent week averaged \$2,000.

LYONS, N. Y.—Things theatrical look decidedly promising for this season. All of the factories, with one exception, are running on full time. The New York Central car shops are running night and day, and have advertised for men. The three Nickel moving picture theatres are doing excellent business at both afternoon and evening performances. A new trolley line is in course of construction from Williams to South Corvett. This should increase business in the city. Good attractions would

HOWARD C. HICKMAN.



Photo Taken by Henry, San Francisco.

The above is a photograph of Howard C. Hickman in the title-role of The Devil. The press and public of San Francisco have highly praised his performance in the production under the Alcazar management. The critics say that Mr. Hickman's portrayal has subtlety, that he is a devil who knows his own wickedness, that he soothes, insinuates and whispers, that his dictation of the letter in the second act is a masterful reading. His method of approaching the role is the right one; that he is gentlemanly, suave, polished and insinuating and suggests the character and fits the notion of Mephistopheles. Mr. Hickman's delivery of the epigrams is praised and his make-up is said to be clever.

proper here, but theatregoers prefer the picture shows to third-rate repertoire combinations.

HAGERSTOWN, MD.—From present indications, the outlook for the season is good, and this town has not yet experienced any financial depression. Good first-class attractions last season were few and far between, but those that did play here were well patronized. The railroad's business has picked up. Some good attractions are promised here during the winter, and the theatrical season should be a successful one.

ALPHEA, MICH.—The outlook for the theatrical business for the coming season is very good. All the factories and mills have been running full time, with wages remaining the same. The town has two of the largest cement plants in the world, and there are prospects of another large one. With its large tanneries, paper and pulp mills, lumber mills, etc., Alphea has a future as good as any city in Michigan. Good companies with good plays will prosper here.

ROCKFORD, ILL.—Rockford, being the second manufacturing city of furniture in the Middle West, was greatly affected by the panic of last fall. The general condition at the present time would indicate that these factories are running full time. The waite factory is doing well, and the three hosiery mills are running night and day. Theatrical conditions are favorable for a prosperous season. The Grand Opera House has a fine line of bookings and the top-notchers are sure of full capacity house.

SHULSTVILLE, IND.—This city, which is known as one of the largest furniture manufacturing of the Middle West, has felt the effects of the panic just passed through. Many of the factories have been closed down, working short hours, or with less help. However, the business is slowly and surely improving and expanding.

TIFIN, O.—The outlook throughout this section seems bright as compared to last year. The factories that had closed down have resumed operations, and farmers are more prosperous than in years.

TUCSON, ARIZ.—Some of the mines in this vicinity are resuming, but slowly. The railroad shops here are working full force and the regular schedule number of hours daily, with a payroll of approximately \$500,000. The general outlook for the Standard Railroad lines of Arizona and Mexico are also located here, and their employees at present number 350 men. There has been no deduction in the forces of the latter. There is always patronage for a good one-night stand company.

THEATRICAL ROSTER FOR 1908-9.

(Fourth installment.)

(Continued from page 3.)

ley, musical director; Hayward S. Wooten, Maude Campbell, Monroe Taylor, Moore McQuilly, J. J. Weaver, James H. Woodson, Roland Mevaz, Arthur L. Prince, Edward Peats, Randolph Christman, H. G. Jones, Thomas M. Seiden, A. Strauter, Montrose Dagless, Tommy Ridgley, Napoleon Blum, Walter Lee, Richard Bradshaw, R. E. Edwards, Thomas J. Johnson.

FIELD, AL. G.—GREATER MINSTRELS.—Al. G. Field, proprietor; Doc. Quigley, manager; John M. Gregory, business manager; C. H. Long, advance agent; Joe L. Bickel, business manager; J. Miller, stage manager; Kinell Pearce, musical director; Ned Brill, bandmaster; Billy Clark, Tommy Donnelly, Russ Granville, Edward Conard, Hamilton Alvin, Jack Alvin, Billy Arzall, Ed. Armstrong, Frank Brown, W. H. Brockway, C. W. Brockway, W. H. Bedwards, J. C. Dickens, William Doran, Joseph Dixon, Solomon De Miller, Ed. Ehrhart, George Fitzpatrick, W. H. Polts, William Herbert, Pat Huggins, Ben Hurdick, Fred Hurdick, Paul Logan, George T. Martin, Charles McVay, Frank Oliver, Walter Paine, Bert Ralton, Will Rogers, Charles Reinhardt, Pat Ryan, Norman Stanley, Walter Sherwood, Al. Thurburn, Ed. Uhrig, Harry Woods, Billy Walton, Steve Warner, H. L. Wilson, S. Wintermuth, George Kinney, Carl Lee, Doc. Blair, John Barker, George Barnett. Opening date, Ashtabula, O., Aug. 25.

VOGEL'S, JOHN W.—BIG CITY MINSTRELS.—John W. Vogel, proprietor and manager; Harry Leighton, business manager; Frank O. Bechtel, advance agent; Moore Money, treasurer; Charlie Gano, stage manager; C. H. Fousse and C. D. Ogden, musical directors; Sam Harris, John Goss, Roy Peck, Al. Powell, Fred. Markle, Bill Carey, H. Friesel, L. L. Dungan, James P. Graham, F. Hays, Ernest Boyd, James Conroy, William Lee, Arthur Samson, C. L. Shough, J. Clark Oldfield, Walter Reuk, Owen Brady, Raymond Nixon, Carl I. Schick, Harry Beebe, W. H. Starr, Reese Williams, S. Otis Rizzo, Charles Holm, Donald S. Laine, C. D. Ogden, Charles Lane, C. H. Fousse, Dave Lane, Henry Smith, D. W. Humphrey, C. D. Miller, H. J. Meyers, C. H. Thompson, H. A. Weaver, Herbert Leuba, Louis Norman, Mose Newman. Opening date, Springfield, O., July 25.

Received too late for classification.

DRAMATIC.

OPUM FIED, THE.—Copeland Brothers, proprietors and managers; C. E. McDams, Jr., advance agent; E. L. Copeland, treasurer; Richard Carlyle, Herbert Tewksbury, Butch Alorgast, Minnie Wardell, Evelyn McCullister, Mabel Leigh, Margaret F. Rance. MILLER, THE DIVIDE, THE (Western).—Henry Miller, proprietor; Leon Mayer, manager; Edwin Mordant, Frederick Forrester, William H. Boyd, Frank Willard, J. L. Clarke, George Mason, George Kingston, G. K. Schillinger, Daniel Pennell, Charles Simpson, Frederick Gilbert, Mrs. C. W. Brooks, Della Knight, Mabel Brownell. Now playing.

STOCK.

LONGERAN, LESTER.—Greenwall and Longergan, proprietors; Morris Marks, manager; Emile Duran, treasurer; Lane, stage manager; A. Planchet, musical director; George Lowery, Rolls Lloyd, Mark Fonton, Milton Silla, Charles Kennedy, Paul Anderson, Mae Abbey, Miss P. Brennan, Mabel Pennock, Fred Gibson, J. Larkin, Emile Steir. Opening date, New Orleans, Aug. 22.

REPERTOIRE.

VERNON STOCK.—R. B. Vernon, proprietor and manager; H. A. Smith, advance agent; H. G. Leuning, stage manager; Madlyn Journe, Dorothy Lamb, Emma Horner, Florence Bodine, Robert Turner, J. A. Griffin, Philine Hogg, Ted Harrison, Harry Larabee, Charles Seuff, H. A. Smith, Clara Gould.

Edwin H. Curtis, Dr. Juttner, Old Heidelberg.

THE NATINEE GIRL

SEEING the old League house vacant, with a sign "Too Let," new nailed upon its door, I asked the mood of the long-time lodgers at the hospitable old club rooms. One of them quoted a line from "Paradise Lost," the line which concerns the moving by Adam and Eve of their household goods after the door of Paradise had been slammed in their faces by an angry landlord.

"Some natural tears they dropped," said a long-active Leaguer, but she added optimistically, "but wiped them soon."

The lodgers have betaken themselves to rooms in the neighborhood. It is hard, like tearing a flower up by the roots, to move from a neighborhood to which one is attached. Ask any cat. There was the sentiment of home about the old house, so much of home sentiment that many of the actress residents were willing to continue there though the old house was in sad and frequent need of repairs.

But that mighty monarch of all things American, the Majority, prevailed. The League headquarters have been moved to another block. There is an assembly room, larger than the old, with the kind pictured face of Joe Jefferson greeting every one who opens the door. The books are there still, in a well filled library. And Alice Brown, at a desk beside a big double window in the office, works as devotedly at her secretarialship as before. There is still a spot for League members to loaf and invite their souls, but by no stretch of imagination can the new three-room quarters be regarded as a home. It has become a rallying center, a radiant point of helpfulness for the girls of the stage and their friends, a place where aid and comfort may be sought and found. But the home features are missing. They will be added, I hope, when after a year of economy and of "seeing where we are at" as an official said, and the League expands to its former and perhaps a greater amplitude.

Meanwhile, when you want a book, or when you want to meet "one of us," and when you remember that your dues are indeed due, remember that the League is now housed at 129 West Forty-sixth Street.

If you want to play euchre for the good of the stage and humanity you can do so at the new League rooms on Oct. 13 and 27, Nov. 10 and 24, Dec. 8 and 22, Jan. 5 and 19, Feb. 2 and 16, March 2, 16 and 30, and April 13.

The green-room which David Belasco has provided for his players at the Stuyvesant Theatre is a rose and gold room, elegant as the jewel case of a De Barry. Between the office of a courteous stage doorkeeper and the star's dressing-room, it is a charming nook for a rest or a chat. Two big square gilt-framed mirrors permit the player to note himself and his costume. A desk enables him to write a hurried note between waits. Upon a Persian rug he rests his sandaled or booted feet. Chairs and a couch of rose and gold invite him to repose. On an oval stand is a bronze statue of Don Quixote. The sandals worn by Edwin Booth and Lawrence Barrett are framed against a background of velvet. From the walls playbills new and old and portraits of Neil Gwynne and the Kembles speak of the fever of present and the calm of past achievements.

Those commentators who thought that the wizard had napped in his production of "The Fighting Hope" may pay a visit to Sing Sing with profit. In that institution there are no cropped heads, and for five years no one at Sing Sing has worn a striped uniform.

Of these facts the keen eyes of Miss Bates, who passes the big prison on her way to and from her farm at Ossining, have repeatedly taken note.

When Alice Fischer took a little excursion from the legitimate into the fields of musical comedy. Piff! Paff! Pout! and Funabasha, her husband, William Harcourt, complained that he was disturbed by his spouse's untimely warblings and slinky jests.

"Now the tables have turned," gloats Miss Fischer, for Mr. Harcourt has become leading man for Fritz Scheff. "Now Will does alleged stunting while he shaves himself, and in this letter he says, 'There are five grand wheezes in the play.'"

Aunt Jane and I, who haven't a half inch to spare between us, as we carried ourselves home from a matinee of "The American Idea," discussed the regality of height. We agreed that Trilix Frigiana's costume of white satin with plastron and mantle of gold lace, a fillet of gold about her ink-black hair, made of her the Cleopatra of the Halls.

"But no one can be queenly who is only five feet two on her Louis Quinze heels," sighed Aunt Jane.

Every one is glad to see the stage reformation of Tom Wise. It has been so long since he has been good as well as wise. He has been the Lohario to so many sizes and shapes and ages of femininity that the audience is nervous lest in his new role of the clean-souled Senator from Mississippi he may cast Herod-like eyes at or make forbidden remarks to the gray-haired widow he is pursuing with honorable intent.

That's a wonderful heart-warming that David Warfield has had since he went home to San Francisco. I am told of that fairylike opening night when all of big-hearted San Francisco that could not get into the Alcazar stood on the sidewalk outside. "Only one person did not applaud. She was an elderly woman who sat in a box, looking as tense as a fine spun wire and as anxious as a future social queen looking over the preparations for her first ball."

"To this box David Warfield turned when he made his first entrance as a needle to the magnet. He broke an invariable rule set for himself. He recognized a person in the audience. Looking at the elderly woman in the box, he smiled. She was David Warfield's mother. She had heard that he was an actor, a great actor, but she always replied haughty that there must be a joke about it somewhere. Now she is seeing him for the first time on the stage."

Maud Fulton, a young woman who seems to be strung automatically on wires, and whose fund of vitality seems fathomless, is doing a devil dance. It is a weird, gripping, remarkable feat. She fits upon the stage as a rose leaf is

blown by a playful breeze. In a girlish white frock, with a flat, broadrimmed sunshade, and carrying a fresh plucked bunch of lilies, she dances in the joyousness of youth scarce free of the charms of childhood.

The devil enters, a very vaudeville devil, William Rock. He puts forth a thieving hand for the lilies. She grasps them more firmly. Twice he tries to draw them from her hand. Twice he fails. He tempts her with a glass of wine. She refuses it, but at last tastes, then greedily drinks it. And while she is drinking her fingers loosen their grasp upon the lilies. The devil comes then upon the floor. There follows a dazed half-Bachman dance, a dance in which the girl is clasped in the arms of the devil. At its end he flings her into the outer darkness as carelessly as he had cast the lilies upon the floor. There is a wait while the devil grinningly tears the leaves from a calendar. May is torn down and cast away by the clawlike hands. June follows, and July and August.

December remains, and the girl creeps back upon the stage, a far different girl, one whose face is bloated and seamed and hard and moaning whose white muslin frock has given way to one of ragged blue velvet. About her neck is a scarf of torn and soiled red silk. She is defiant and yet near tears. She implores the devil to give her wine. She seizes the glass with shaking, eager hands. She drains it to the last drop and dances again, this time a wild, abandoned dance in which she strains the devil to her breast. There is a pistol shot. The girl screams. The dance ends with a dead figure in ragged velvet lying huddled upon the floor. I have never seen a more thoughtfully worked out entertainment on the vaudeville stage nor often on the legitimate.

Clyde Fitch remains firm upon his throne as the king of badinage. If Maughan's Jack Straw be a specimen of the wit of his new rival. Wit is a pebble of truth slung with surprising swiftness and forcefulness by the silg of a David. Walking barefooted through a matinee of Jack Straw the combined memories of Aunt Jane and myself brought to the surface but one enduring witticism: "A widow with a sense of humor is never seriously in love."

Actresses, notwithstanding the fact that the box of dramatic machinery is ever in their ears, are excellent audiences. At a Martin Harvey performance of "The Only Way I sat next to a great emotional actress who wept openly at the climax of the play."

"I came to study Martin Harvey's acting, and he made me forget it was acting," was her tribute to the Gentleman from Mississippi.

At a Gentleman from Mississippi a jolly laughter reverberated so silvery from the gallery that every head in the orchestra turned to see the source of the rich cackling. It was that veteran comedienne, Annie Yeamans, enthroned at that point from which she always prefers to see a play, the middle of the first row in the gallery. On the first night of "The Fighting Hope" Frances Starr enjoyed the first opening night of a play in her experience, from a seat in the audience. Enjoyed was the word at first. Afterward her state became one of profound misery. The woes of the heroine became her own. She wept through the last act, and presented herself, red nosed and pink eyed, at Miss Bates' dressing room to offer silent congratulations. Silent because speech had forsaken her.

"A good first-night audience," said Mr. Belasco, looking upon the ruin his play had wrought.

Sundry funeral emblems are being framed for the "parlors" of village and country residences in the Middle West. They are the souvenirs, green handbills bordered and decorated with heavy black type, of that performance of "Our American Cousin" during which President Lincoln was assassinated at Ford's Theatre in Washington four years ago. A manager sending me one of the dolorous rewards of those who attended the Nth performance of the old farce, said, "Honest, now, aren't they better than powder puffs or paper knives? If you don't think so you ought to see the natives crowding the houses till the doors bulge."

To evolve souvenirs that will not be dropped by careless hands under orchestra chairs, or tossed by scornful ones at theatre exits, demands much of the ingenuity needed for a successful production of the piece whose memory the management seeks to perpetuate.

In token of waking and tossing nights some brilliant successes have been carried gratefully from souvenir performances. The best are those whose superstructure of beauty is erected upon a foundation of durability and whose cornerstone is practical usefulness. A scintillant souvenir in the safest compartment of my shopping bag is a round pocket mirror, framed in sterling silver, and bearing in one modest corner the inscription, "100th performance of 'Panama.' On my dressing table is a gold-lined silver bag, set that has graduated from its first office of a bonbon dish to a receptacle for pins with varicolored heads. It reminds me of the gala occasion when Rose Stahl celebrated her two thousandth appearance as The Chorus Lady. On my desk lies a bronze paper knife with a bas relief of Amelia Bingham in "The Climbers," her features more than ever Galatea-like. Flanking it is a silver Cavalier, prone to fall upon his side, and reminding that The Road to Yesterday lived two hundred nights and more. Perched on a lamp in a corner, so near my bookcase that his furry back rests against its glass door, is a white Teddy bear, waggishly recalling the brilliant skating scene in "A Parisian Model."

The last word of the Salome dance has been spoken. Virginia Pope, the bird doctor, keeper of a boarding house and sanitarium for birds, has a white cockatoo out-Alans Maude Allan and makes energetic Gertrude Hoffman resemble an anemic amateur.

Billie Burke says: "While I never liked musical comedy, and began after the first week to get into comedy proper, it is an excellent preparation for it. Every one who has done anything in comedy in England has begun that way. Mary Moore and all of them. It teaches one how to get about the stage."

In America our chief comedians went to the minstrel and variety schools. See N. C. Goodwin, Henry E. Dixey, Richard Golden, Sam Bernard.

May Irwin, the ever domestic, who would have been a world-surpassing professional cook if she hadn't become an actress, finding all her houses and lands in Manhattan occupied by tenants who thrust long-time grudge-bearers beneath her nose when she visited them, this Fall and plaintively begged permission to live under one of her own roofs, has taken a furnished apartment on upper Broadway. "Come up and eat with us," she hospitably says. "There will be something to eat if you do have to stand in the hall to eat it. At least there's a kitchen. I had to have a kitchen to play in."

Fourteen red roses surrounding a central white one have so often appeared among the floral offerings sent Madame Nazimova that the romantic have conjured a romance to fit the gift. It is a romance, the romance of adoring youth. The roses are sent by fourteen Smith College girls, who entertained Madame Nazimova after the play at one of the senior houses in Northampton. After the spread Madame herself, pointing to the low fire in the grate, begged that the candles be put out and that they sit about the fire for a chat. "It was the most wonderful hour of my life," one of the girls told me. "It was like a fairyland and that glorious creature the fairy goddess. She looked like one that night in her lovely white gown. One of the girls has dressed like her ever since. She has three white gowns exactly like that one."

When Madame Nazimova left the senior house she carried fourteen red roses. "Each one stands for one of us girls. We are fourteen, you see."

explained one of the young hostesses. "And the white one is for our matron."

Whenever Madame Nazimova visits a city where lives one of the fourteen she receives the red and white emblem. In Brooklyn last month five of the loyal ex-seniors lunched together and went to the play together. Again the fourteen red roses surrounded the white one went over the footlights, and when Madame begged them to her bosom, ignoring the forest of American Beauties about her, a decorous Smith College salute burst from behind the curtains of a box.

"This is work paper," says Clara Morris, alluding to the impromptu sheet on which she penned some lines. "It reminds me of a coat in a checked apron presenting herself at one's drawing room door. Like many other honest things, it's confoundedly ugly."

THE MATINEE GIRL.

ACTORS' CHURCH ALLIANCE NEWS.

Local and National Headquarters, 550 Seventh Avenue, New York.

Among the coming interesting functions of the Brooklyn Chapter are the following: Friday evening, Oct. 14, at Hotel Imperial, reception and social, 9 P.M.; guest of honor, Mrs. Margaret J. Breyer. A business meeting will precede the social at 8 P.M. A progressive euchre will be given at the Imperial on Nov. 5 under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee. Tickets, 25 cents. The Chapter opens its season under auspicious conditions and is planning many excellent lines of work for general Alliance success.

The October service of the New York Chapter will be held next Sunday evening at St. Chrysostom's Chapel. Sermon by the Rev. Henry Mottet, D.D. Members and friends are cordially invited. The usual monthly entertainment will follow on the Thursday after, at the Parish House. The chairman in charge promises a very attractive programme.

The birthday party in aid of the Chapter funds will be given at the Parish House on Monday evening, Oct. 26, under the auspices of the Ways and Means Committee. Birthday cards, bags, etc., now ready at the headquarters, and members and friends are earnestly requested to aid the enterprise in every way in their power, as the work of the Chapter is especially dependent upon the results of this festive evening.

At the public funeral exercises commemorative of the late Bishop Potter the church will be represented by several of the chaplains of the Alliance, and the stage by the President of the National Council and the chairman of the Publication Committee.

EAST SIDE HOUSE ENTERTAINMENT.

Originality and versatility of a high, yet popular, order have been striven for in the programme arranged under the direction of R. C. Mudge for the entertainment of the East Side House Settlement at the Harlem Casino on Oct. 17. The volunteer talent that are to appear at this vaudeville and musical entertainment includes Mag Belfort, the celebrated English entertainer; Edith Cline Ford, the efficient and popular society entertainer, in dramatic and heart interest stories in recitation; Helen Carnes, a pupil of Baroness Mallingberg, Berlin, a dramatic mezzo-soprano voice who has sung with success abroad; Karl Feininger, the violinist of renowned gifts and wide reputation, who, as nearly all newspaper men, musicians and musical people know, was the original of The Music Master, whom David Warfield studied; Leo Edwards, the composer of "That's What the Rose Said to Me" and many other successes, will do a new piano monologue and introduce many of his brother's newest and best songs; Genevieve McCloud and company in "The Kid," a Western playlet; Mary Hampton and company in a Deal in Males; Timony; Pete Wagner, Jr., the tale teller, singing comedian and monologist, and Will P. Scully, the monologue comedian in original monologues, will also appear. The Kleine Optical Company will send one of their latest motion picture machines and many of their best and most up-to-date films for the moving picture show part of the programme. The proceeds of the entertainment are to go to a fund to place the Settlement on a self-sustaining basis.

SUIT AGAINST E. R. THOMAS.

The suit brought against E. R. Thomas, through which three members of The Mocking Bird company, which disbanded in 1903, seek to recover an aggregate of \$10,000 in salaries, was revived last week when Lawyer James A. Chandler applied for the appointment of a referee to take testimony. The plaintiffs are Walter Ware, Edgar Atchison-Ely and Roland Carter. They allege Thomas engaged them for the season, and that the season had only partly expired when the company was disbanded. The Mocking Bird, a light opera, started on the road with great promise in the Fall of 1903. It was in this play that Thomas decided to star Madeline Bealey as the successor of Mabelle Gilman. When the company reached Savannah, after a long and unsuccessful tour, it was disbanded.

LORNE ELWYNE IN PIRATICAL DIFFICULTIES.

At the instigation of Liebler and Company, Lorne Elwyne, head of the Lorne Elwyne Stock company, was arrested in St. Johnsbury, Vt., last week on the charge of violating the United States copyright laws by producing "The Christmas in Hartford, Conn., and St. Johnsbury" without authorization from the Liebler firm, which owns the stage rights. Mr. Elwyne was held under \$1,000 by U. S. Commissioner Blodgett. Liebler and Company declare that they have been much annoyed by "play pirates" recently who have preyed not only on The Christian but have usurped merely Mary Ann and Mrs. Wiggs as well.

MR. FISKE TO BOOK AT HACKETT.

Yesterday contracts were signed by James K. Hackett and Harrison Grey Fiske whereby Mr. Fiske secures the Hackett Theatre for his attractions for the rest of the season following Mr. Hackett's present engagement there. The agreement also covers future seasons and provides for an annual engagement of Mr. Hackett, the remainder of the time being divided between David Belasco's attractions and Mr. Fiske's own companies. The Devil is primarily responsible for this important move on the local theatrical chess-board. The overwhelming success of George Arliss in this play at the Belasco Theatre made it necessary for Mr. Fiske to change his original plans. Mrs. Fiske was to have played her New York season at the Belasco, opening with Salvation Nell in November, and Madame Kalich was also to appear in that theatre later in the season. Mr. Belasco has consented to release Mr. Fiske from these contracts. Thus the way is clear for an indefinite run of The Devil at the Belasco Theatre, while Mr. Fiske and Mr. Belasco secure time for a term of years in an independent theatre.

NEW RYLEY PRODUCTION UNDER WAY.

Rehearsals of Thomas W. Ryley's new production, "The Queen of the Moulin Rouge," have been under way for several days at Lyric Hall. The book of the piece is by Paul Potter, the lyrics by Vincent Bryan and the music by John J. Hall. Prominent engagements for the cast include William Courtleigh, Al. Leach, Carter De Haven and Flora Parker.

VICTORIEN SARDOU ILL.

Victorien Sardou, who has long been ailing, has taken a turn for the worse and his condition is considered serious. He is seventy-six years and one month old.

THE ACTORS' SOCIETY.

WHY MARY SHAW HAS BEEN TERMED AN INTELLECTUAL ACTRESS.

The Distinction Between Emotional and Intellectual Acting—Miss Shaw's Remarkable Work—The Success of the Society's President—Personal Gossip of Members.



Mary Shaw, a portrait of whom appears herewith, who is one of the directors of the Actors' Society, is often spoken of as "an intellectual actress." What an emotional actress is everybody knows. An emotional actress is one who uses her emotions in acting. An intellectual actress, then, is one who uses her intellect. As this epithet carries with it the implication that it is remarkable for an actress to use her intellect, Miss Shaw has always repudiated her specialisation. Perhaps the term means that Miss Shaw has shown of late years a preference for plays that appeal to such theologians as are brave enough to risk the accusation of having intelligence. Certainly she has a leaning toward such plays as depend for their success on mental insight on the part of their interpreters and auditors. Among them may be mentioned Ibsen's Ghosts, which she played for thirty-seven weeks at a time when Ibsen was only a name in this country.

William Archer, the English translator of Ibsen, was amazed and declared that, basing his opinion on the condition of the stage in England, he had imagined that such tours were possible only to such aspiring productions as Charles's Aunt or The Gaity Girl.

From the sombre tragedy of Helen Alving in Ghosts Miss Shaw turned to George Bernard Shaw's study in eccentric and disappointed maternity, Mrs. Warren's Profession. This she played the last two seasons, relieving it with the same author's Candida. With these three plays she has made a very profound impression in the progressive circles of the Middle West and the Pacific Coast.

Miss Shaw during her career has played nearly every possible kind of dramatic creation, from Rosalind to Hedda Gabler, from Ophelia to Lady Teazle. Her schooling has been severe and thorough, her experience multifarious, and though she has enthusiasm and ideals for the stage she has no illusions about it. Her work as an artist has not warped her individuality as a woman. In fact, she is regarded among the world of women as the actress who is most representative of woman and an artist in an arduous and overcrowded profession. She will be seen this season in a new play by a modern French author. The part was originated in Paris by Madame Réjane. The play was produced in San Francisco last April and scored heavily with press and public.

Members of the society are busy heaping congratulations on the President, Tom Wise, on the success of A Gentleman from Mississippi, of which he is co-author and co-star. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stubbs (Sue Van Duser), two of the society's active members with the same attraction, are receiving their share of felicitations.

John D. O'Hara, who plays Dr. Woodhurst, the reformer, in Wildfire, at the Liberty Theatre, will leave the company on the 31st to resume the Scotch part of McDougal in Peggy MacQueen, with Joseph O'Hara. Mr. O'Hara made a mark in this character with the late Deane O'Sullivan during the play's brief road experience, which was terminated by Mr. O'Sullivan's death last February.

Julia Walcott is with the Pantogues Players at the Lois Theatre, Seattle, Wash., where she has been for three seasons.

Reginald Barlow, who is playing the Devil in Alfred Aaron's play of that name, is making a good impression in the part.

Albert Andrus is with one of the Paid in Full companies on the road. Florence Robinson is with the same company.

Herbert Prior and his wife, Mabel Trundle, are with the Lena Rivers company this season.

Harold Russell has been engaged for the Eastern Man of the Hour company.

Edward Hume is on the road with The Flower of the Bush. He reports good business.

Robert Hanson is now playing with the American Stock company, Rochester, N. Y., where he is doing excellent work.

Franklin Ritchie is again playing the lead in The Clansman, which is on tour in the Northwest.

George Barr is with the Eastern Lion and the Mouse company this season.

Arthur Row, of the Robert Hilliard company, is a member of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity, and was entertained by the Columbia Chapter during the Harlem engagement of the company.

John Martin, who is with the Bold into Slavery company, reports good business.

The regular meeting of the society was held Sunday, Oct. 4. The meeting was adjourned to allow those who wished to attend the meeting of the White Rats Political League. The next "Stunt" will be held Sunday evening, Oct. 18.

DEMURRER IN COPYRIGHT CASE.

A demurrer to the indictment against McKee Rankin, Gertrude Lamson (known under her stage name of Nance O'Neil), Norman McGreggor and L. R. Stockwell, charged with presenting the play, The Fires of St. John, without permission from the author, was argued on Oct. 3 in the United States District Court in San Francisco. Henry M. Owens contended that the indictment was defective because it stated offenses in one charge, and there was no allegation that the play was the property of Charles Schwikard. All the counts were indistinct and uncertain. Assistant United States Attorney Black stated that the statutes provide that anyone who shall produce a copyrighted play was guilty, unless the consent of the writer was first obtained. Rankin and Nance O'Neil were not present during the argument. The matter was taken under advisement.

THE CENTURY THEATRE CLUB MEETS.

At the Hotel Astor last Friday afternoon more than two hundred members of the Century Theatre Club met and discussed the merits and demerits of the divers versions of Molnar's The Devil. Among the participants in the arguments, pro and con, were Mrs. Beatrice Hart, President of the club; Mrs. James N. Ruffantino, Mrs. Edith Ellis Baker, Edie Stewart, the singer; Mrs. Easton, Mrs. Holt, Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. Callman, and Robert Kiggeris. Others present included Mrs. Nyvers, Mrs. Bartel, Victor Holt, Dorothy Johnson, Mrs. Bellog, Mrs. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. R. Robinson, Mrs. A. L. Clark, Clara Dandee, Mrs. Estelle Davis, Mrs. Frances Dean, and Mrs. Grace Gayler Clark.

Edwin H. Curll, stage director, Spooner stock.

BOSTON

The Thief—Plays Doing Well—Stock Productions—Notes.

Boston, Oct. 12.—Kyrle Bellew and Margaret H. Hinton opened the night which promises to be a long engagement at the Park in *The Thief*, which had every sign of success.

Mary Hall began a special engagement with the stock company at the Castle Square, playing *The Student* and *Geraldine*. Mary Young also was in the bill.

Fifty Miles from Boston, seen here for the first time at popular prices, began a stay of a fortnight at the Globe.

This is the last week of the engagement of Montgomery and Stone at the Colonial, and the Red Mill still tests the capacity of the house.

Gertrude Hoffman's *Salome* dances have made a stir in *The Mink World*, which has only this week left at the Lyric.

With the realism of the Indian battle as the chief magnet the *Hollis* is quite too small to hold the crowds at the Round On.

Eleanor Gordon, in Eleanor Robson's old character, is the most effective feature of the production of *Salome* June by the Boston Stock company.

The Merry Widow is nearing the end of the second month at the Tremont, and still breaking records.

The Gambler of the West, with covers and Indianism is another strong card at the Grand Opera House.

Winchester, with Charlotte Hunt in the leading role, has an effective presentation by the Bowdoin Square Stock company.

Alice Lloyd and La Sylphie remain for another week at Keith's.

An onerous *Salome*, with Edna Porter in the role, is the chief feature at the Orpheum.

Morocco Bound is being given at the Columbia by Minnie's Americans. May Howard is with The Washington Society Girls at the Howard Athenaeum.

The Jersey Lilies are the burlesques at the Palace this week.

Changes in the moving picture bills and vaudeville shows are made at the Premier, Hub, Seaside, Temple, Comique, Pastime, Old South, and other moving picture houses.

They are to have a meeting of the bondholders of Wonderland at the end of Oct. 14, to decide about the future of the amusement park. There were no dividends at the end of the summer season, they say.

Max Fiedler, the new leader of the Symphony Orchestra, made his first appearance last week, and made a perfect impression on the concertgoers.

T. J. Barry, the theatrical lawyer, scored a novel point last week when he secured an injunction restraining an actor from playing with any other company than the one he had contracted with.

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Cincinnati, about a week ago. On last Saturday night he returned to Cincinnati, to be married to a Miss Field, and will bring his bride with him when he returns here this week. ALBERT A. L. NEWELL.

PHILADELPHIA

Founder's Week Provides Free Amusement—Bills at the Theatres.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 12.—Founder's Week proved a big free show, attracting thousands of strangers, but with parade every day and night, a great disappointment to our amusement managers, who suffered greatly by the outdoor display. The only exception to the above was The *Follies* of 1928, and the moving picture show.

This week offers only one new attraction at our first-class theatres. De Wolf Hopper, at the Lyric, with his latest, *What Happened Then*, he appearing as the First Pinner of Hamelin, supported by a large combination, prominent being Dullas Wolford, Warren Fabian, Norman Thors, F. Owen Baxter, Helen W. Cullinan, Toby Claude, and large chorus. Well received by large audience, and sure of profitable returns.

The magnificent spectacle of *Little Nemo* is in its third and final week, at the Forrest Theatre, to good patronage. The Talk of the Town, with Victor Moore, follows, Oct. 19, for four weeks. Mlle. Adeline Genes, in *The Girl of the Year*, for three weeks.

Follies of the Circus, with the young and pretty Edith Tallaferra, in a charming rendition, continues to attract popular attention, remaining for a third week, and will be followed Oct. 16 by Wm. H. Crane, in *The Girl of the Year*.

Follies of 1928, at the Chestnut Street Opera House, playing nightly to capacity. It is an up to date show, with many surprising and entertaining features.

Most of the masses, Oct. 12, in the Honor of the Family, follows, Nov. 2, Anna Held in *Miss Innocence* Abroad, Nov. 18.

The Man of the Hour, with Cyril Scott, was well received, and is in for a run at the Garrick Theatre. It is well staged, and acted by a first-class company.

Hattie Williams, in *Flamingo*, is a first-class company. The *Witching Hour*, with John Mason and capable cast, proves a very interesting attraction at the Adelphi Theatre, now in its second week, for a month's booking. It appeals to our best class of theatregoers, with business confidence.

The Great Question, with Joanne Bonstelle as the star, in its second and final week at the Walnut Street Theatre, and without doubt the star has a great role, and the most commendation in her theatrical career. Up to date the public has not appreciated this offering, but it would surely prove a good card at a popular price theatre.

A new play, titled *The Girl of the Year*, introducing many noted captains of industry, will come to the city with the *Witching Hour*, with Fuller Mellich, Adolph Leitner, Edward Ward, Maude Turner Gordon, Ethel Clifton and Josephine Sherwood in the cast.

The Orpheum Players at the Chestnut Street Theatre present this week the great *Devil*, a superior production of this wonderful play, with William Ingersoll in the title role, aided by Marion Barney and the favorite members of the very popular *Devil* company.

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Interesting Items of News from Moving Picture Theatres the Country Over.

A STUDY OF IAGO.

A FIGURE OF UNNOTED AND YET UNWAVERING WICKEDNESS, A VILLAIN ABSOLUTE AND UNQUALIFIED.

Arthur Stringer Analyzes a Character Supreme in the Realm of Devilry—Milton's Satan, Shelley's Cenci, Hugo's Quasimodo, Balzac's Rastignac, Thackeray's Becky, Browning's Caliban, and Other Types of Evil All Fade into Insignificance by Comparison.

The depicting of pure wickedness can scarcely be called the highest form of dramatic art. To preoccupy attention with a delineation of unrelieved villainy, however startling such a *tour de force* in the field of the abnormal may be, is never an exemplary pursuit and seldom a laudable end. It is not often, indeed, that serious drama busies itself with holding the mirror up to what Lombroso has called the *mafioid*. It is seldom that Shakespeare gives us a villain without some excuse for his villainy, some extenuation for his evil-doing. However self-seeking or malicious or revengeful this dramatist's wrong-workers may be, he usually shows that their traits and their transgressions are human traits and transgressions. In only one instance does he portray for us villainy that is absolute and unqualified. In only one drama has he drawn a figure of unmotivated and yet unwavering wickedness. And that figure is Iago.

This Iago, it is quite safe to say, is the greatest villain ever created. Milton's Satan, beside him, is a mild and sympathetic figure; Shelley's Count Cenci a weak-minded and much imposed-upon father; Victor Hugo's Quasimodo an ill-natured pigmy; Balzac's Rastignac a mere narrow-minded egoist; Thackeray's Becky nothing more than a kitchen intriguer; Stevenson's Mr. Hyde a capricious shadow on the tapestry of allegory; Du Maurier's Swirell a palled musician with the gift of the evil eye; Browning's Caliban a meditative beach-comber strolling in Calvinistic theology.

But this young ancient to the lofty-minded Moorish soldier of fortune is a finished artist in crime. There is something serpentine in his guile, something more than Satanic in his off-handed yet venomous and malicious hatred of all his fellows. He is no quail: his mind has the nimble quickness of the adder's tongue. He is keen-witted, clear-headed, as light-hearted, when need be, as he is light-headed. His eye is veiled, but never dull. He can lie by and watch, as patient as a snake in the sun. But when he strikes, he does so with the quick and casual assurance of the reptile fortified with well-poisoned fangs.

He is almost of an age with Hamlet, twenty-eight years old, in the very prime of his restless and over-wise manhood as a wandering soldier of fortune. The world, apparently, has not used him badly. He has no ledger of actual misdeeds to balance. He has the honest esteem of every one about him. But his character at the core is rotten. He is an ingrate and a liar. He is utterly unscrupulous. He is without any of those emotional sensations which bind man to his own kind and make him one of a brotherhood, with the self-justifying social obligations which all such confraternity implies. This Iago travels alone and segregated as a timber wolf. No dogmas weigh on him; he chafes, but never at principles. No past compels his reverence, as no future compels his concern. Neither creed nor faith binds him. He is destined to the spirit of fortune which touches human effort with nobility even in defeat; he is without that trace of the visionary which at times makes suffering something to be gladly borne. He has not one aspiration, or one ideal, which could not be caught up contemptuously on the point of his rapier. Alert as are his intellectual faculties, he is without any definite conception of the ultimate trend of things. He stands well equipped to deal with the immediate, keen and prompt, compact and decisive in thought. But those faculties called into play in dealing with the remote—imagination, faith, upliftedness, reverence, abstract spiritual courage—he has none. Nor has he one consoling misapprehension of human motives, nor even one redeeming illusion as to life. He is passionless; he carries on his restless head the curse of the Lacedaemon. He is never heroic, even in his malignity. Never for a moment does he rise to the barbaric grandeur of a Macbeth in crime. He is a half-hearted grafter, not greatly in love with the game, and not greatly enamored of the graft. "Put money in thy purse" is the best advice this man who "knows his price" can give—yet it is plain enough that even money, one of the few actualities of life that he can understand, will never quite satisfy him. Crime is to him what his periodic drug is to the cocaine snuffer or the opium eater. He is a drunkard, with wickedness as his wine. He is a furtive and feeble buccaner on the high seas of intrigue, knowing no law and acknowledging none. He finds nothing in particular against which to contravene his self-corroding activity. His very existence seems to point to some cunning suspicion in his creator's mind as to whether earth cannot claim its occasional disinterested devotion to evil, for evil's sake alone, as consistently as its occasional passion of impersonal goodness.

This ancient, who has traveled from Syria to England—and the dramatic irony of making such a man a standard-bearer is worthy of note—moves with the indifference of the true skeptic. He is as cool as he is cynical, with the stinging calmness of the cynic whose universe is bounded by his own hungry body and his own domineering appetites. The world is his oyster—and a fool of an oyster at that! Othello, the "sooty-browed" little more than a mad bull, in "this poor trash of Venice," to "be led by the nose as asses are"; Roderigo is a "sick fool" and a "snipe"; Cassio is sometimes an "honest fool" and sometimes a "venal and voluble knave"; Othello's followers at Cyprus are nothing more than "this flock of drunkards"; a faithful servant is merely an "honest knave" who ought to be whipped; love is little better than "unbitted lusts"; a deserving woman is a wight "to suckle fools and chronicle small beer"; reputation is "an idle and most false imposition"; conscience is "not to leave undone but keep unknown"; companions are mostly "credulous fools," to be trapped; his wife is a "fool" and a "wench" and a "villainous whore."

So this honest, honest Iago sneers and scoffs his way through the world, where he can calmly say "every way makes my game." And so we find him, a scoundrel without cause, a cold-blooded blackguard without extenuation, an innate villain rejoicing in his savagery as spontaneously as a child rejoices in its game and through it all sitting as unmoved and as heartlessly aloof as though he were a spectator watching an indifferent play. Even among the darkest villains of Shakespeare, and Shakespeare has many, he stands out as a wolf among lambs. He knows nothing of love and duty, honor and virtue—a fig's end for such abstractions! He is a venomous Machiavellian trickster, toying with profundities of life which are incomprehensible to him, a Judas of deceit and hypocrisy, rejoicing in the sight of two noble lovers and an over-noble love turned from a momentary paradise of happiness to a timeless hell of ruin. He is evil incarnate; a human devil, aimless and arbitrary and motiveless in his malevolence.

In so far as this villainy of Iago transcends that of all his rivals, in so far has he always seemed to me a strangely "humoresque" and un-Shakespearean figure. He is, rather, a recrudescence to the mere personified wickedness of the earlier miracle plays. He stands more in a class with the creatures of a "humor." He has so little of that touch of nature which makes the whole world kin that his portrait might be taken for that of a barrack-caloused gorrilla, a camp-hardened mercenary, who has indeed exchanged humanity with a baboon. He appears before us, not so much as a living and breathing man, as a forced malignity in doublet

and hose. The more one thinks over this character the more one is left pondering just why Shakespeare bequeathed to us so dark and strange a study in abnormal psychology. We wonder what mood permitted so mature and normal an artist to leave purity and innocence unfounded by what should have been a patient in a psychiatric ward.

Then, doubtless, would have treated Iago as a sick man, as a degenerate in whom have centered the inherited taints of certain imponderable evils of society. But Shakespeare has here, apparently, clung to the older Aeschylean conception of fate as involving the individual in injustice of which he himself is not the author. His sense of the tragic seems to be still built on the belief of some unfathomable cruelty in the operations of destiny. He still bows, in Othello, before the incomprehensible; our fate, he would still say, rests in the lap of the gods. And it is the poignancy of this attitude as reflected in the tortured spirit of Othello, and the pitifulness of human reason humbled before the inscrutable, that has saved this work from being a problem play, on the one hand, or a wonderfully complex and yet a mere melodrama of intricate plot and yet a classic is due to the fact that every generation refashions these classics to its own shifting taste, draping the shoulder of the universal with the cloak of the moment. We are of too analytical and too self-conscious an era to accept Othello as a mere *crime passionné*. It is more than a bald recital of jealousy and murder and suicide. An interpretation such as Norrell's teaches us that it can be accepted only as a tragedy and never as a melodrama. Yet it carries all the machinery of melodrama, and the main-wheel of that melodramatic machinery is the figure of Iago.

Too imminently and too often is this snake-like figure the "god from the machine" to let us accept the inevitableness of the tragedy's action without question. His conquests are too facile; those about him too continuously harp on his "honesty." He escapes detection for too long and too easily. The sheer fortuitousness of his intrigues, the outcome of too great a strain on credulity; the long arm of coincidence is almost wrung from its socket. He is too lucky in crime, in that wrongdoing which the modern mind must regard as consciously or unconsciously sowing the seed of its own destruction. We see him carrying on no less than four intrigues; that against the foolish and lascivious Roderigo, to bleed him of his money and jewels; that against the position of Cassio, which he seems to wish to fill; that against Desdemona, when it is convenient to have him out of the way; and that against Othello, to awaken the jealous rage of the Moor against the innocent and too flower-like Desdemona.

These are the movements of melodrama, wherein, until the psychological moment, unfettered malignity harries and frustrates bewildered innocence. Yet the directness and the simplicity of the drama's construction; the unity and equilibrium from which arise its triumphant structural values, combined with the exotic and exotic grandeur with which Shakespeare has invested the character of Othello, carry the play above melodrama, in the end, into the plane of pure tragedy.

Iago, strangely enough, is both the strength and the weakness of Othello. While his character and the persistence of its influence will always keep this play from being the supreme or most cherished of Shakespeare's tragedies, his very villainy serves to accelerate the action and to unify the otherwise complex structure. He precipitates the dormant Moorish rage of Othello, sets loose the turbulent Mauritanian blood of the lion-like general whom the Venetian Roderigo has contemptuously called "the thick-lips," and promptly brings to the issue the almost angelic womanhood, the over-sensitive and over-earthy refinement of Desdemona. Whether or not, in this, Iago is merely anticipating the inevitable, a question not lightly to be disposed of. If it was Shakespeare's intention to show these lovers, like Romeo and Juliet, as being "ill-starred," through over-contradictory environment and through too divergent lives and temperaments, then it can be reasonably claimed that he is divorcing himself from the more antique conception of fate which the persistence and potency of Iago's wickedness seemed to countenance. If this marriage, which we know broke Brabantio's heart, was as unnatural a mating as Iago himself has argued, then the flaw which brought about the tragic break rests in our two heroes themselves, and they can no longer be regarded as innocent natures crushed under the capricious heel of evil. Othello, in that case, was his own victim, and not the victim of fate. This, of course, does not altogether mitigate the tragedy of his end. To die through injustice of which he himself is the author is quite as lamentable as to die through the injustice of another. It is the mere transference of the tragic spirit from the individual to society. It is simply a matter of which cloak we are ready to drape over the shoulder of the eternal problem.

But this neither augments nor detracts from the villainy of Iago. He remains the subtlest of all studies of the intellectual criminal. His hypocrisy and his heartlessness have no equal. In the First Folio he was billed as "Iago, a Villaine," and well he deserved the denomination. The habitual criminal, we have been taught to believe, is a mentally defective creature, a pervert, a being of abnormal make-up. Yet Shakespeare keeps Iago far above anything like a madman. Outside his villainy he is, as has already been said, a clear-headed, clear-thinking, sane living enough. He at once wins the confidence and the affection of those about him. He is brutally honest with himself, if not with others, for he is no sentimentalist. His one deviation from the ways of straight thinking is his vague and foundationless suspicion of his wife's former association with Othello. This is no adequate motive for his actions. It is the criminal's unsatisfying vocation of slandering human nature down to his level. It is a feeble effort at self-justification, a motiveless groping about for the unction of imaginary excuses. It is as such a pose as the self-assuaging pretense of this most consummate liar ever created that he hungers for the lieutenantcy given to Cassio. He did not want Cassio's place; he permitted caprice to come between him and that end; he promptly went off on the side issues of other and more willful intrigues. He shows no stubborn concentration to achieve what he has at first wrangled and fretted about before Roderigo. In fact, material advancement can mean nothing to a man like Iago. The world is already his oyster. A mere lieutenantcy is a bagatelle to what he has been and can be. He moves casually about, like a drunken god, tampering with the future of blinded enemies and friends making and marring lives with a snap of the finger, toying with destiny as lightly as he toys with truth. This is a better game than soldiering. To be a lieutenant to a thick-lipped Moor is nothing beside being the supreme monarch in a world of malice, while that world still lasts.

HOME FOR DRAMA AND ART.

Francis Wilson, representing dramatic art; Richard Watson Gilder, representing literature; Jules Guerin, representing painting; and Herbert Lucas, the architect, representing "frozen music," and Charles H. Lee, of the United States Leather Company, representing commerce, have formed a corporation to build an artistic apartment house at 24 Gramercy Park. They will occupy some of the apartments themselves and rent the remainder to selected tenants to pay expenses.

LONG RUN FOR FANCE.

The military farce, *Tire au Fance*, that has been running in Paris for four years, closed on Oct. 10, after 1,504 performances. During its run the soubrette was married and has two children, and the juvenile comedian served three years of military service and returned to the cast. The only interruption of the run was in 1907, when the theatre was closed for 43 days for renovation.

BROOKLYN THEATRES.

The dramatic season of the Academy of Music will begin Oct. 18, when David Belasco's company will appear in *The Warrens of Virginia*. Frank Keenan, Charlotte Walker and the other well-known players of the original cast will be seen.

Adeline Gense is the principal feature of The Soul Kiss this week at the Montauk Theatre. In the cast are Ralph C. Hera, Vera Michelson, John C. Park, Stale Tracey, Leo Harrison and Mortimer Welton. Next week, *The Merry Widow*. The attraction at the Grand Opera House is Sam Bernard in *Nearly a Hero*. Mr. Bernard is very popular in this borough, as the advance sale indicated, and the theatre will be well filled every night. *Grace La Rue* is in the cast, and the supporting company is of unusual strength. Williams and Walker in *Ben-Hur* Land to follow.

The second week of the successful engagement of Ivan Abramson's Italian Grand Opera company began Monday night with an exceptional rendition of *Il Traviata*. The repertoire for the rest of the week is: *Cavalleria Rusticana* and *Pagliacci*, Tuesday night; *Carman*, Wednesday matinee; *Aida*, Wednesday night; *La Traviata*, Thursday night; *Faust*, Friday night; *Lucia*, Saturday matinee, and *La Gioconda*, Saturday night. Next week, Mrs. Wynn of the Calhoun Patch, Madame Nasimora, is appearing at Teller's Broadway Theatre in *The Master Builder*. Monday and Tuesday nights and Wednesday matinee: Hedda Gabler, Wednesday and Thursday nights: A Doll's House, Friday night and Saturday matinee, and *The Comet*, Saturday night. *The Gay White Way* next week.

The Crescent Stock company at the Crescent Theatre appears this week in *Shenck Holman*. Edward Mackay in the title role offers an excellent characterization. Others who give pleasing performances are: G. A. Forbes as Dr. Watson, Robert Cummings as Professor Moriarty, Laura Lang as Alice Faulkner and Emalie McVillie as Mrs. Faulkner. Next week, *Zim*.

Payton's Players at the Lee Avenue Theatre are receiving well merited praise for their production of *The D'Urbervilles*. Missa Phillips is especially good as Tom. Joseph Girard as Alice is convincing, while Louis Leon Hall as Sir John and A. S. Byron as Bill Swell share in the applause. Next week, *Caught in the Rain*.

The Spooner Stock company at the Park appear this week in *Old Heidelberg*. The production is a pretentious one, and there is evidence of great care in the preparation of the play. The leading roles in the capable hands of Edward Nolan, who is now one of the popular stock favorites in Brooklyn. Edwin M. Curtis gives an admirable performance as Dr. Juttner, while Harold Kennedy has a good role in Count Von Asterburg, and Jennie McAllister is a charming Kathie. Next week, *The Spoilers*.

On the Bridge at Moonlight is presented in admirable style this week by the Gotham Stock company at the Gotham Theatre. By Night of Sword next week.

Morning, Noon and Night, with Joe Welsh, Artie Hall and Shean and Warren in the company, is the attraction this week at the Folly Theatre. Next week, *On Trial for His Life*.

The stock company at Phillips' Lyceum present *Gettysburg*, with a good cast and appropriate scenery. Next week, *The Fatal Wedding*.

Charles' Last Night is a popular offering this week at Blaney's Theatre.

The Columbia Theatre has *Bunco in Arizona*. The Sunday night concerts at this house are drawing well. Next week, *It's Never Too Late to Mend*.

VAUDEVILLE.

The bill this week at the Orpheum is: Thomas R. Shea in *The Bella*, John C. Rice and Sally Cohen, Laddie Cliff, Artola Brothers, Barry and Woodford, Avon Comedy Four, Foster and Foster, Bohker Arabs and Elsie Harvey and Field Roys.

At the Fulton this week are: Fatima Miria, Julian Rose, Felix and Calie, Daisy Wood Lloyd (second week), Halliday and Curley, McMahon and Chappelle, Emilia Frasnini and Torcat.

The new Percy G. Williams house, the Greenpoint, opened Saturday night with an attractive bill including McIntyre and Heath. The bill this week is: Eva Tangway, Lambert, William Hawtray and company, Jewell's Manikins, Conroy-Lamaine and company, Keno Welsh and Melrose, Herbert Brooks and Cook and Stevens.

Keeney's bill is: The Star Bout, with Taylor Granville, Empire City Quartette, Ward and Curran, Six Musical Cuties, Florence Gregson and company, Rosaire and Dorette, Miss Pat Collinge and Mills and Morris.

BURLESQUE.

Rose Sydell's London Belles entertain this week at the Star Theatre. A version of *The Devil* is offered as a special attraction, and the olio includes a series of motion pictures depicting the Gans-Nelson fight.

Charles Robinson and his Night Owls appear this week at the Olympic Theatre. Together with a very clever and entertaining extravaganza, the programme contains a vaudeville bill including Harry Devine, Larry Lawrence and George Edwards. Mr. Robinson appears in a number of the scenes. A feature of the performance is the appearance of Blanche Sloan in a dancing act.

The Bohemians offer an attractive programme this week at the Empire Theatre. Tom Miner has a strong organization, and Andy Gardner, the chief comedian, keeps the audience in good humor. Gans-Nelson moving pictures are shown during the evening.

The Morning Glories company, seen last week at the Star Theatre, appears this week at the Gayety and repeat the success enjoyed at the downtown house.

PROFESSIONAL DOINGS.

Adrienne Angarde, who appeared here in *The Duchess of Danzig*, is returning to the United States with Joseph O'Mara, to play the title role in *Peggy Macree*.

Cohan and Harris will pay an annual rental of \$55,000 for the Grand Opera House when they take over that theatre in 1910. The announcement that they had leased the house was made some time ago.

J. C. Cliney Mathews, of James K. Hackett's company, was called suddenly to Baltimore last Friday morning on receipt of the news of his sister's death. During his absence his part in *The Prisoner of Zenda*, that of Bertram Bertrand, was played by John Dugan.

MILDRED NOLLAND'S SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

Mildred Nolland is meeting with great success at Cleveland, where she is playing a long season at the Colonial Theatre in her varied repertoire of romantic and modern plays, supported by her own company. During the Cleveland engagement Miss Nolland has painted *The Jewel Behind the Throne*, *Divorced*, *The Triumph of an Empress*, *The Provoker*, *The Lily and the Prince*, *Frou Frou*, *A Paradise of Lies*, etc., for all of which she carries complete and elaborate costumes, all furniture, properties, etc. Through an error in booking Miss Nolland and her company will be at liberty for a ten weeks' engagement after the close of her present season at Cleveland, which ends on Nov. 7.

OPEN TIME.

INDIANA.—Franklin-Opera House, Oct. 20-30, Nov. 23-25, Dec. 7-31, Jan. 15-Feb. 15.
KANSAS.—Wagon-Columbia Theatre, Oct. 25-30, 31, Nov. 2-11, 12-19, 21-30, Dec. 1-31, Jan. 1, 2-11, 12-31.

LOUISIANA.—Levee-New Opera House in Oct., Nov., Dec., Jan., and Feb.

NEW YORK.—Amsterdam-Opera House, Oct. 26, 27, 28, Nov. 2, 16-18, 30, Dec. 1, 2, 4, 5.

Asbury-Berlin's Auditorium, in Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan.

OHIO.—Findlay-Gillette Theatre, in Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan.

Napoleon-Opera House, in Oct., Nov., Dec., and Jan.

PENNSYLVANIA.—Kutztown-New Auditorium, Oct. 19-31, Nov., Dec., and Jan.

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NOTES OF VARIOUS ACTIVITIES.

Allen Shaw Print, 50 Railroad Avenue, Beverly, Mass., have a new line of pictorial stock printing for *The Devil*. A catalogue will be sent upon request.

The first business meeting of the Literary and Dramatic Union will take place Saturday, Oct. 17, at the studio of Irene Ackerman, 1047 Broadway.

An agent experienced in contracting for benefits is wanted for New England territory by J. A. Sayer, New Academy of Music, Haverhill, Mass.

LOS ANGELES.

The Triumph of The Test—Florence Oakley
Superb—Rock—Vaudeville.

The absorbing topic in things theatrical in this city during the week of today being taken up, was the premier production of John Robert Goodman's powerful four-act drama, *The Test*, produced for the first time on any stage by Lewis A. Stone and co. at the Auditorium. The cast is here given in order of their appearance: Mrs. McVane, James A. Appleton; Emma Ellyng, Florence Oakley; Maria, Beatrice Hayes; Morris Hink, Bennett Southard; Peggy Thome, Leslie Fennell; Arthur Thome, George Fennell; Timothy McVane, Harry Sawyer; Richard Treiman, Lewis A. Stone; Frederick McVane, Howard Scott; the Butler, Harry Oakley. In *The Test* the author has given the world a great play, powerful in its setting of the old and most worn moral problem: a play with keen and brilliant lines, melodramatic throughout, with characters vividly developed; a story splendidly told, and a play that will live. In a few words, the thread of the story is as follows: The action is laid in the poorer district of New York. Treiman and Emma Ellyng were in love some ten years before the opening of the play, and during this time Treiman had been in the penitentiary for having stolen money from one Frederick McVane, his employer. Treiman stole that he might give the woman he loved more than his meager salary, and after he was caught the girl, ignorant of what he had done, sells herself to McVane for her lover's freedom. This second, who had plotted Treiman's downfall, agrees to the bargain with the girl, but after the price has been paid allows Treiman to go to jail. When the play opens Emma Ellyng has been redeemed to a great degree by Arthur Thome, a young gentleman worker and author. They are in love, though she refuses him. McVane has won the love of Thome's sister, much against Arthur's warnings. Treiman is released from prison and the ensuing scenes unravel the past between the four concerned, offering splendid climaxes at the end of each act. The finale shows up McVane in his true colors, sends Treiman into the world to win back his honor and maidhood, and gives to Thome the girl he loves. George Fennell gives a most manly and convincing portrayal of Arthur Thome. Treiman is the strong male character, and this was assigned to Lewis Stone, who fully realized the author's ideals. McVane, of course, was perfectly depicted by Howard Scott, and as Morris Hink a splendid villain. To my mind this is Florence Oakley's play, and her interpretation of Emma Ellyng is as fine a bit of acting as any one could possibly wish for. The role is a hard one, full of suppressed bitterness, and at times calls for nearly every human emotion, which Miss Oakley grasped at every turn, and her presentation was a wonderful bit of acting. The play was handsomely staged and the entire production to perfect advantage. Next week, *The Prisoner of Zenda*.

Dustin Farnum appeared in *The Squaw Man* at the Mason 25-3 to fair patronage. The *Girl Question* is billed for 4-10.

The County Chairman made quite a bit at the Burbank during the past week, the co. giving a splendid production to well filled houses. The Road to Yesterday 4-10.

At the Grand 27-3 *The Girl from Over Yonder* was produced.

At the Belasco 28-4 *The Love Route* was revived, giving the opportunity for the new leading woman, Lorrell Allen Taylor, to display her talents. Next week, *Captain Swift*.

The Orpheum gave its patrons a bill full of variety 28-4, with Edna Phillips in *Lost: A Kiss in Central Park*. Others were the Grays, Carter and Blufford, William Brothers, and McVane and Hill.

Ray Beveridge and Darrell Standing have both resigned from the Lewis A. Stone co. at the Auditorium. Miss Beveridge will leave for New York. Ray had the large public eye at the Grand 10, has been released from her late engagement at the Belasco and will accept a position with the Valencia Stock co. at San Francisco.

Julius Scherl Goodman was here to witness the initial production of his new play, *The Test*. He was called before the curtain at the opening performance and made a short speech of thanks. He is now on his way to New York where *The Test* is to be staged next month with Blanche Walsh in the role created by Miss Oakley. DON M. CARLTON.

INDIANAPOLIS.

Honey Boy Minstrels—Julian Eltinge a Favorite—
James O'Neill—Vaudeville—Stock.

Cohan and Harbo Minstrels attracted good houses at English's Sept. 29, 30. Julian Eltinge was a strong favorite. A *Waltz Dream* followed 1-3. James O'Neill gave one performance of *Abbe Bonaparte* to a small audience at the same house 5. The *Lion and the Manoeuvring* 6-7. Three Twins 8, 9. Chaucer's *Clown* in *Requiem*, *Robbie*, *Madeline* and *Raymond Hitchcock* in *The Merry-Go-Round* 12, 13. Ethel Barrymore in *Lady Frederick* 14, 15. Rose Stahl in *The Chorus Lady* 16, 17.

The Foxgush Stock co. presented *Zira* 5-10 at the Majestic to large audiences. Leslie Spencer handled the role of *Zira* fairly well. George Arvine played the Rev. Gordon Clavering with his accustomed intelligence. Alsworth Arnold was seen to excellent advantage as Arnold Byrewood, and Genevieve Reynolds gave a good performance as *Lady Clavering*. Mathilde Choate was entirely satisfactory in *Ruth Wilding*. Morris Foster, Forrest Seabury, J. Francis Kirk handled the minor parts with credit. A *Stranger* in a *Strange Land* 12-17.

Sold into Slavery thrilled and interested patrons of the Park 1-3, and was followed by *The Little Organ Grinder* 5-7, with Eleanor Calmes in the leading part, replacing Madeline Lack, who was ill. Miss Calmes made her first appearance with the co. at the opening performance here, and deserves much credit for her clever performance. The County Chairman will be here here for the first time at popular prices 6-10. *Opium Smugglers of Prisco* 12-14. Forty-five Minutes *Grand Broadway* 22-24.

Carlotta's bicycle act headed a good bill at the Grand 8-10. Others were: Byron and Langdon, Goldsmith and Hoppe; Bob and Tip co.; Angela Dolores and co.; Alice and Doll, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Murphy, and Joe Le Feur.

Empire had *Champagne Girls* 5-10. Miss New York, Jr. 12-17.

Family Theatre: 5-10: Gordon Tris, Clark and Ford, Jarline, Evans and Evans, Mathews and Mathews, and moving pictures.

The *Marigold* co. disbanded in Toledo after one performance there Sept. 30. The opera was written by Barclay Walker, of this city, and those interested with him in the production of all residents of Indianapolis. Lack of business, small capital and the necessity for revision made the step inevitable it is said. Mr. Walker's music has been highly praised on all sides, but it was necessary to revise the book. But, for the time being, the production and the stage management that failed to realize the full possibilities of book and score.

Manager B. J. Reilly, of the Majestic, has substituted girls for boys as ushers at his popular little playhouse. PEARL KIRKWOOD.

MILWAUKEE.

The Top o' th' World—English's Stock Company
—Vaudeville—Burlesque.

The Top o' th' World held the boards of the Davidson last week and opened 4 to large houses. Commencing 11, *The Right of Way*.

The Flower of the Ranch opened a week's engagement at the Alhambra 5 to good business. Jessie Huston and Frederick Knights are the stars, and others in the co. are the Oliver, John Blak, George Mast, Edward Hume, E. H. Horner, J. P. MacSweeney, Forrest Doolittle, Earl Stanley, and Frances Comar. The chorus is well costumed and works hard.

The Three of Us attracted large houses at the Shubert week 5 and was well presented by the English Stock co. Helen Strickland and Robert Connors have the best parts and play them well.

Don Dato, a musical play, was the Sunday attraction at the Palast 4 and was well presented by the German Stock co. Something new to Milwaukee theatregoers will be presented 8-10 by the fairy tale author, Frank L. Baum, in his fairylike and radio plays.

At the Bijou Captain Clay of Missouri, presented by David Higgins and co., opened 4 to good business. Week 11, *Sold into Slavery*.

The Majestic offered this excellent bill last week: Wilson and Heloise, Foy and Clark, Murray Sisters, Kennedy and Rooney, Willard and Bond, Amoros Sisters, Frank Whitman, and the kith and kin.

The Crystal bill was Josephine Gasman and pickaninies, Violet and Old, Ada James, Carson Brothers, and Crystalgraph.

The Grand Theatre, recently opened, is drawing well with moving and talking pictures.

The Dreamland Burlesques, with Dave Marion, opened a week's engagement at the New Star 4 and pleased crowded houses.

The Hastings Big Show attracted good business at the Gayety week 4.

For last week of Fennell's Band crowded houses were the rule.

Christine Norman has resigned as leading woman with the English Stock co. at the Shubert, and retired from the co. 11. Miss Norman has accepted a part in George Burdett's new comedy, *An International Marriage*. Frances Nelson succeeds Miss Norman and commenced rehearsals 7.

A. L. ROBINSON.

KANSAS CITY.

Presents of Pallas Week—Follies of 1907—The
Witching Hour—Stock—Vaudeville.

The week of 4-10 witnessed Kansas City's annual Fall festivities, begun on Friday at Pallas week. The program included an electrical pageant, beautiful floats and a grand annual ball in Convention Hall. Thousands of visitors were in the city during the week, and the theatres all played to capacity at practically every performance.

Presents of Pallas was the Willis Wood offering 4-10, and the entertainment offered was in splendid keeping with the week of festivity. Paid in Fall 11-17.

The *Witching Hour*, with a capable co., was the Shubert attraction during large audiences slightly. Top o' th' World 11-17.

Standing room was at a premium, and many were turned away from the Auditorium 4-10, where the popular Woodward Stock co. were playing *A Stranger in Town*. Eva Long and Harry C. Browne were cast in the leading roles, and won much applause for their excellent work. The assisting co. did good work. *The Girl of the Golden West* 11-17.

Eva Taylor and co. in *Chorus* was the Orpheum headliner 4-10, the show playing to capacity, crowds both afternoons and evenings. Other acts on the bill were Castellani and Brother, World and Kingston, Grant and Hogg, Leon T. Rogge, the Misses Kirksmith, and John and May Bush.

Today, the Bootblack, held the boards at the Gillies 4-10, playing to immense audiences. Dave Genaro and Ray Bailey scored emphatic hits. In at the Finish 11-17.

The ever popular *Wizard of Oz* held forth at the Grand 4-10, and pleased a large audience. Arizona 11-17.

The Imperials were the Century offering 4-10, and were greeted by large and enthusiastic crowds nightly. The show was in general of excellent entertaining qualities and found ready favor with the audiences. Tiger Lillies 11-17.

The Majestic had the big *Billy and Woods* Show 4-10, and the theatre was packed to the doors throughout the week. Pat Reilly was the big hit of the performance.

Madame Calve is announced for one night only at the Auditorium 28. D. KEEDY CAMPBELL.

DETROIT.

Rose Stahl Entertains the Tigers—The Temp's
Bill—Cole and Johnson—Items.

Rose Stahl in *The Chorus Lady* was seen for the first time at the Detroit Opera House Oct. 5-10. It is the same good hearted, farcical *Patricia* of former seasons, and Miss Stahl was given a royal reception. On Thursday evening Miss Stahl entertained the victorious Tigers, and as Detroit is baseball mad, a large crowd was on hand for the occasion. Next week will be divided between Cohan and Harris Minstrels and Otis Skinner.

At the Temple Theatre 5-11 Lily Lena captured her audiences. Phillis Lee offered a novelty of unusual merit. Julie Biling and co. made good. Pean and Wynn, the Farrel-Taylor co., Hawthorn and Hart, Wood Brothers and the Zanettos completed the bill. Next week, Angela Dolores and co.

Cole and Johnson offered an excellent attraction at the Lyceum Theatre 4-10 under the title of *The Moon*. A number of good solo voices, an industrious and well trained chorus and two real comedians composed the harmonious whole. Next week, Yon Yonson.

The Sisters La Tour were the brightest spot in the Golden Crook co. at the Gayety Theatre 4-10. A little playlet entitled *Recognition*, had a pathetic strain in it that pleased. Next week, Scribner's Show.

The Orpheum did a good business at the Avenue Theatre 4-10. The comedies and scenic environments were elaborate. Next week, Kentucky Belles.

The Montana Limited at the Whitney Theatre 4-10 was responsible for a few melodramatic thrills. The Lafayette Theatre was returned to the summer plan of entertainment—the actologue, moving picture and vaudeville idea, with change of bill weekly. Good houses responded this week.

Manager Harry Egan, of the Detroit Opera House, announces the first presentation in this city of *The Right of Way* on 18, and Marie Dore week of 28. Unusually good attendance has been the rule at this theatre so far this season. ELYP A. MARGNI.

MONTREAL.

The Wolf—Thurston's Work Enjoyed—Bennett's
Bill—The New Princess Burlesque.

The Wolf opened at His Majesty's 5 to a good sized house. 12-17, Grace George in *Divorcement*.

Thurston, the magician, gives a thoroughly pleasing entertainment at the Academy. With assistance of Beatrice Foster he does one or two illusions that are positively startling, and his sleight of hand work is also clever. Paul Kleist and Belar Harnan both add to the merits of the programme. 12-17, Our New Minister.

A good and varied bill was seen at Bennett's. Ed F. Reynolds, Joe Howard and Mabel Harrison, and Beulah Valdare and her Six Bicycle Girls are among the headliners. Franco Piper with his band, the international Zouaves, Milton Wood, Brown and Navarro, and the Bison City Quartette complete the bill.

The New Princess Theatre opened its doors to the public 1, with a *Right on Broadway* and a good vaudeville bill, containing such excellent features as the Australian Tree Fellers, Royal Musical Five, and the Pioneros, and Thomas Peter Dunn. The house was filled on the opening night by a large and representative audience. 12-17, *Chorus Girls*.

From Broadway to Bowery, featuring Chuck Connors, is the bill at the Francella, and pleased the audiences with its exciting situations. 12-17, *For Her Children's Sake*.

La Baillone, an emotional drama, by the authors of *Les Deux Gosses*, was the bill at the National. Madame Ducange scored in the chief female role, Monsieur Paul Marcel, did clever work, and Mlle. de Lays and M. Mallet furnished the comedy.

The Merry Maidens at the Royal give one of the best shows seen at the house this season, the chorus is large and attractive. Harry H. La Mont did some clever character impersonations, and the olio was very good.

Faridolles still continues to delight its patrons with a bill of fare consisting of dainty comediettes and light opera. W. A. TREMAYNE.

NEW ORLEANS.

The Lion and the Mouse—Lester Lonergan Popu-
lar—The Lyric Company.

A capable co. presenting *The Lion and the Mouse* appeared at the Tulane Theatre 4-10. Edna A. Crawford, Paul Everett, James Colley, Clifford Leigh, George O. Morris, William H. Burton, Eileen Errol, and Josephine Shanon did the principal work in the cast capably. Attendance good. Brewster's Millions 11-17.

The Lester Lonergan Stock co. at the Dauphine Theatre continues its high standard of plays and work and presented *The Lion and the Mouse* 4-10. Mr. Lonergan and Leah Winslow played the leading parts successfully, and the rest of the cast gave good support. Prince Karl 11-17.

That ever popular extravaganza, *The Devil's Auction*, was the attraction at the Crescent Theatre 4-10. *Busy Day's Boodle* 11-17.

The stock co. at the Loric Theatre 4-10 put on *The Boy Detective* 4-10, with Melina Campion and Carolyn Clark as the heroine and adventurer, respectively. Arthur Malfand and Edwin Trevor played the principal male roles intelligently. *Why He Divorced Her* 11-17.

Irwin's Burlesques held the boards at the Greenwall Theatre 4-10. Gerlie De Mill, Watson Sisters, and James Burlesque were the principal vaudeville features. *The Majestics* 11-17.

The St. Charles Orpheum continues to present a fair bill with good attendance. For week 5-11 the features were: Wilson and Heloise, Foy and Clark, Murray Sisters, Kennedy and Rooney, Willard and Bond, Amoros Sisters, Frank Whitman, and the kith and kin.

Chadwick Trio, La Petite Mign, Fanny Blackie and co., Harry Webb, Mankin, and the kith and kin. J. M. QUINTERO.

ST. PAUL.

Max Fignman's New Play—Robert Mantell—St.
Hopkins—Vaudeville.

Max Fignman presented his new play, *The Substitute*, at the Metropolitan 1-4 to only fair attendance. The production was worthy of better patronage. His support was excellent, and the play made a decided hit. Robert Mantell and his splendid co. open a week engagement at the same theatre 5 in a repertoire of Shakespearean plays. Never before has St. Paulites witnessed such elaborately staged productions of this character. His is drawing very satisfactory audiences. Brewster's Millions comes week of 11.

At the Grand St. Hopkins is drawing her usual crowd week of 4. Some new faces are among this season's cast, but the production is the equal of any of the former ones, and the cast equally as strong coming week of 11.

At the Orpheum week of Sept. 27 an excellent bill was headed by Hall McAllister. Others were the Hallan Trio, Ines and Edith, the Greenwald Trio, Harlow and Johnson, Bertie Henson, and Henry Clive.

Week of 4: The Four Fords, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes, Happy Jack Gardner, Fredericks-Raymond Trio, Bander-La Velle Trio, Fontelle and Carr, and the Musical Craigs. HARRY G. WILLIAMS.

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PROVIDENCE.

Williams and Walker—Weden's Melodrama—Keith's
Bill—Burlesque—Gossip.

Williams and Walker scored a big hit at the Providence Opera House Oct. 5-7 in *Bandanna Land*. S. R. O. houses. The Warrens of Virginia opened 8 for the rest of the week, with Frank Keenan and Charlotte Walker in the leading roles. Large houses are assured. *The Gay White Way* 12-14.

The Gambler of the West proved an acceptable entertainment at the Empire 5-10 and drew good houses. It was well staged and acted by Charles Keane, George L. Kennedy and a capable co. William H. Turner in *The Governor* and the Boss 12-17.

The Keith bill 5-10 was made up of several fine acts, chief of which was the appearance of Margaret Wycherly, an Albee Stock co. favorite, and co. in

The Locked Door. Others were the Hawaiian Trio, Willy Hunter Troupe, Peter Donald and Meta Carson, Billy Beard, Johnston and Harty, Newbold and Carroll, Adelman Quartette, Kaufman Brothers, Amy Anderson, Mortimer Bassett, Dwyer and Randall, Lillian Hayward and the Lavelles. Large houses. John J. Hayes and others 12-17.

The Washington Society Girls pleased good houses at the Imperial 5-10. The Star Show Girls 12-17.

At the Westminster 5-10, a good bill by Harry Brynau's Extravaganza co. *Gay Man's Boots* 12-17.

F. R. Wendelshofer of the Providence Opera House, has received from E. S. Willard a reply to the cablegram sent him a few days ago, asking to star the actor in this country for a period of twenty weeks, including two weeks in this city. Mr. Willard states that he has decided to remain in England for another year at least, and expresses the kindest of feelings toward the Providence theatrical public. HOWARD C. KIPLEY.

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CLEVELAND.

Otto Skinner—Aida Pleases—Mildred Holland—Vaudeville—Hanna.

At the Euclid Opera House Otto Skinner was seen in the House of the Family 5-10. Aida was given a complete production at the Hippodrome 5-10. The staging was of the highest order, and the singing of the opera was fine. Adelaide Norwood in the title-role captured the audience, not only by her beautiful singing, but her graceful and artistic acting. Otto Skinner's work won him much applause, and the rest of the cast were all good, and the chorus was seen at its best. The Bonanza Girl 12-17.

Mildred Holland and her co. presented From Front at the Colonial Theatre 5-10. In Gillette Mildred Holland had every opportunity to show her ability as an emotional actress. A Paradise of Lies 12-17.

The Four Husbands in their musical comedy. The Foot-Boots was the attraction at the Lyceum Theatre 5-10. Grandstart 12-17.

The Rocky Mountain Express was at the Cleveland Theatre 5-10. Shadowed by Thunder 12-17.

Keith's Prospect Theatre 12-17. The Patriot, a talented comedy. Low Sully, Albert Sutherland, the Famous Comedy Four, Cunningham and Marion, Bobby Fandon and co., and Benjie Brennan.

The Parian Widows will be at the Empire Theatre 12-17.

The Builders come to the Star Theatre 12-17.

The Majestic Theatre bill for Week 12-17 will include the Young American Five, Frank Parker and co., Levers and Mitchell, James and Lydia Cooper, McGrath and Page, Byrd and Vance, and the Mace Brothers.

Manager Edward Salisbury, of Luna Park, has been elected secretary of the new combination controlling all the principal amusement parks in the country.

WILLIAM CRISTON.

NEWARK.

Victor Moore—The Governor and the Boss—Joseph Stanley—Vaudeville—Burlesque.

Victor Moore in The Talk of New York scored a great hit at the Newark Theatre 5-10. The theatre was packed at every performance. Mrs. W. of the Cabaret Patch 12-17. A Knight for a Day 12-17.

The Governor and the Boss crowded Stanley's Theatre 5-10. William H. Turner and the co. were exceedingly good. The Street Set 12-17.

Benjamin Glavin in Lucky Jim gave a good performance at the Columbia Theatre 5.

The Livingstons made a decided hit at Waldmann's Opera House 5-10. Next in favor came the Hovey Quartette, Frank Graham, Edith Randall, the Mission Maestros and Thomas, Estelle Rose, and Frank Daniel. The chorus was good and packed houses at every performance were the rule. Al Reeves' Beauty Show 12-17.

Pat White and his Gaiety Girls pleased the patrons at the Empire Theatre 5-10. The olio was exceptional and included Marie Catlin and Anna Grant, the Three Wilsons, Malvern Troupe, and George T. Davis. Crowded houses.

The Rain-Deane made a decided hit at Proctor's Theatre 5-10. They were rewarded with several curtain calls. Others were S. Miller Kent and co., Oscar Lorrain, Daisy Harcourt, Robidillo, Pat Ramsey and his band, and their same old sketch, nevertheless very amusing, and Cunningham and Marion. Business was good.

The Little Arcade Theatre is crowded always. Quo Vadis 5-10. The bill includes Chulita, Beach and Bechler, Charles H. Earle, and the Victor talking machine.

GEORGE S. APPELGATE.

SALT LAKE CITY.

The Elstedfodd at the Tabernacle—The Cowboy Ranger.

At the Salt Lake Theatre the chorus of 125 voices, under the baton of Professor Housley, which came from Denver to compete in the great Elstedfodd, gave a grand concert Sept. 30 to a large and enthusiastic audience. Dixon and Bernard in Liza and Mitz after noon and evening 3 to fair business downstairs and packed in upper circles. Comin' Thro' the Rye entire week of 5-10.

The new co. at the Grand Theatre drew good business in The Cowboy Ranger. Frederick Allen, Dorothy Marks, George W. Scott, and La Petite Ruth were popular. The specialties of the latter being very clever. Week of 5-10, in a Woman's Power.

The Elstedfodd held in the Mormon Tabernacle every afternoon and evening 1-3 proved a great artistic and fairly financial success. Professor Applegate, who was master of ceremonies, introduced the contestants in a manner which kept the audiences good natured.

The Utah State Fair opens 5 for one week.

Claudia Holt, a prominent member of the Salt Lake Opera co., goes to New York to study music.

G. H. JOHNSON.

TOLEDO.

The Merry-Go-Round Pleases—James O'Neill—Johnny Hovey—Burlesque.

Raymond Hitchcock in The Merry-Go-Round at the Valentine pleased a fine audience 5. James O'Neill in the Abbe Bonaparte to poor business 6, 7.

At the Lyceum The District Leader for the week 4 proved to be one of the most entertaining attractions so far this season. The co. was good, and the place has a real plot. Business fair.

Burt's had Johnny Hovey in The Boy Detective 4-7. It was an up-to-date comedy-drama, with Johnny furnishing most of the comedy.

At the Empire Sam Serber's 8th Show was all that was claimed for it. The burlesque was good and the olio the best we have seen.

At the Arcade Nick Russell and co., Carley Carles, Bailey, Connor and Walton, and E. J. Appleby.

Q. M. EDSON.

JERSEY CITY.

The Majestic Has the Straight Road Melodrama—Vaudeville.

The Straight Road came to the Majestic Theatre Oct. 5-10, to very good patronage. Williams and Walker 12-17. House Set 12-17.

Wanted by the Police drew well at the Academy of Music 5-10. Harold Vossburg is the star. Excellent support was rendered by Ceila Rosewood. The Cowboy and the Squaw 12-17. Busco in Arizona 12-17.

The New Century Girls co. was at the Ben Ton Theatre 5-10, to fine patronage. The show is a good one. Frolicsome Laundries 12-17.

A fine bill was offered at the Edison Theatre (Union Hill) 5-10, to big business. The house has been a go since the opening. Appearing 5-10 were Kaimor and Brown, Blanche Henshaw, Five Musical Sisters, Joe Ruste and Myra Konton (with Jingles thrown in for good measure at the matinee only), Viola de Costa and her capable co., Al Carlton, and Hassan Ben Ali's Arabs.

Keith and Proctor's Theatre still continues moving pictures to crowded houses.

Members of Jersey City Lodge of Elks had a theatre party at the Hudson Theatre 7, and enjoyed the performance. It was a compliment to Manager William H. Walsh, who is a member of that lodge.

The Keatons were a genuine hit at the Hudson Theatre 5-10. The audiences were kept in roars of laughter, and a return date is a sure thing for this clever trio of social and friends.

WALTER C. SMITH.

COLUMBUS.

A Stubborn Cinderella Pleases—Keith's Bill a Winner—Hanna.

A Stubborn Cinderella, which opened the week of Oct. 5 at the Great Southern, is by far the cleverest musical comedy seen in Columbus for many a moon.

Raymond Hitchcock in The Merry-Go-Round attracted a good business, followed by Willie Collier in his new play, Patriots, 5, 10. Ethel Barrymore in Lady Frederick 12. Rose Stahl in The Chorus Lady 15, 16. Elsie Jants 22 in The Fair Co-Ed.

One of the best vaudeville bills that could be conceived, looking to genuine amusement, packed 'em in at Keith's this week. There are four headliners—the Patriots, the Wall-between, Elmer Blatter and Edith Hilditch. The bill also includes George W. Scott, George Wood and the Famous Phillips Brothers.

At the High Street Theatre, Shadowed by Three and The Boy Detective, with Johnny Hovey, are filling in the week to good business.

The Ben-Ton Burlesques are attracting big houses to Al Wierzel's Gaiety this week of 5. The show is above the average.

Work is progressing most satisfactorily on the new Colonial, and a fair idea of the most exterior is to be like may now be gained. It will present one of the handsomest exteriors in town. Manager Howell is on the ground and is rushing matters with all possible speed.

JOSEPH R. HAGUE.

OMAHA.

May Robson—The Orphan Bill—Panhandle Pete—The Devil.

May Robson in The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary was the offering at the Boyd 4-6. The co. is a good one, and the audiences seemed to enjoy the play immensely. Paid in Full 5-10. Ben Hur 12-14. Dock-stader's Minstrels 15. The House of Mystery 17.

At the ever popular Orpheum bill for week of 4 is: Lillian Levell and Robert Sinclair, Bert Esler, Arthur La Vise and Edmund Leonard, Amy Stanley, Will M. Casey and Blanche Dwyer, Clifford and Burke, and Bowers, Walters and Crocker. Everything was excellent. 11: Gus Edwards' Blonde Type-writers, Fred Singer, Bert Howard and Leona Bland, Zena Jordan and Zeno; Charles Bennett and Julia Miller, W. S. Harvey and co., and William Alexis and Della Schell.

At the Krug Panhandle Pete opened a half week's engagement 4 to fair business. The co. was adequate. In at the Finish 5-10. Tony, the Northlack, and Young Buffalo divide week of 11.

The Devil was at the Burwood week of 4. The leading man of the Burwood Stock co., Lloyd Ingraham, played the part ably, and he is also well supported by the balance of the stock co. Business was excellent. For week of 11 Camille.

J. R. KINGWALT.

SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

Paul Gilmore—Marie Cahill—Mme. Calve—Other Attractions—Gossip.

Paul Gilmore at the Court Square 2 amused a large audience with The Boys of Company B. Little Mose came 3. Marie Cahill had a home full of her friends to see that curious blend of musical comedy and melodrama. The Boys and Betty. Madame Calve had a fine welcome on the opening of her season here 7, and was gracious enough in the numerous encores called for. She was assisted by Brahms Van Den Berg, pianist, and Karl Klein violinist. Williams and Walker returned 8 in Bandanna Land, and the merry musical divertimento again drew a large house. Coming are Bellows and Hilditch in The Thief 9, 10. Mildred and Bourcier in The Flight of Princess Iris 12, 13. The Gay White Way 15. Gans-Nelson light pictures 16. Lew Fields in The Girl Behind the Counter 17. The Music World, with Gertrude Hoffman, 19. Joseph L'hering 20.

The Gilmore had the Mardi Gras Beauties, who featured Edmond Hayes, of Wise Guy fame. Marie Jansen 2-7. Lew Welch in The Showmaker 8-10.

Poff's week 5 had Louis Merckel and George All in Buster Brown and "Tee" the Juggling Jordana. McConnell and Simpson, Monroe and Mack, Reed Brothers, and Sadie Janel.

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BUFFALO.

Otto Skinner—William Collier—Faust—Vaudeville—Burlesque.

Without a doubt the best play seen here in years was The Honor of the Family, with Otto Skinner, ably supported by Percy Haswell, Harry Burkhardt, and an excellent co., at the Star 1-3.

William Collier appeared in a comedy written by himself and J. Hartley Manners and called The Patriot, and amused fair sized houses at the Star 5-7. Principal in the cast are Annie Edmund, John Seville, Helen Collier Garrick, and Helen Hale.

Faust was the second week's offering at the Tech 5 by the Aborn Opera co. The roles were in capable hands, and a word of commendation is due the chorus. Ben Hendricks in Yon Yenson delighted large audiences at the Lyric week 5.

The Convict and the Girl drew well at the Academy week 5.

She's week 5 had William Rock and Maud Fulton, William Cahill, Pauline, Frank Nelson, assisted by John C. King and Dorothy De Shelle. In Thirty Dollars, a good sketch and well acted: Howard and North, Ha Grannon, Dandy George Duo, Jewell's Manikins, and kinetograph.

The Blue Ribbon Girls, at the Garden week 5, gave a good entertainment to capacity business. In the olio are Oranrita Arnold, Terry Sisters, Billy Wells, and Ward and Raymond.

The Kentucky Belles co., headed by J. Grant Gibson, appeared at the Lafayette week 5. Among those who entertained were Dan and Perle Martin, O'Malley and Golden, Melrose Brothers, Gibson and Ramsey, and Choceeta.

F. T. O'CONNOR.

SEATTLE.

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The following new acts were seen in and about New York last week:

A Female Transformationist.

Fatima Miris, the Italian transformation artist, made her American debut at Blaney's Lincoln Square Theatre and scored an emphatic popular success in spite of the fact that her knowledge of English is very limited. After the overture a special drop with a small opening is shown. Miris makes her appearance and explains in broken English what she is to do. The drop rises, disclosing a Japanese scene in which the player presents a condensed version of The Geisha, playing Mimosa, Wun Hi, Mollie, Fairfax, Imary, Bronville, Takamini, and Juliet Diamant. The changes are made with marvelous celerity, and the songs, dances and talk of each character are given with great skill. In this sketch Miris shows remarkable versatility. The curtain is again lowered, and the artist gives several short impersonations of typical European performers, such as a French singer, an Italian with a laughing specialty, and so on. In one or two of these she was carefully dressed, and the audience had a chance to see how "quick-change" troupers are made. The final sketch is called The King's Highway, and in this Miris impersonates a gentleman of leisure, a Spanish police officer and three robbers. She makes her changes while running around a little screen in the center of the stage, and again showed her cleverness as a transformationist. The audience was much amused with two sets of whiskers, manipulated with elasticity, that Miris used very dexterously in disguising herself. Taken all in all, the performance is thoroughly pleasing, and William Morris is to be congratulated on his enterprise in bringing this gifted artist to America.

The "Queen" in New Creations.

Irene Franklin, the "Queen of Vaudeville," made her reappearance at Hammerstein's after a rest of several months in an act that is practically new, retaining only one song from her old repertoire. She opens in a long blue dress and a white hat, and sings "Somebody Ought to Tell Her Husband." This is followed by a "kid" impersonation that is killing funny. An exceedingly short skirt gives a full view of the singer's plumpness, and the laughs were very numerous as she sang of the trials of being a little girl with red hair. A quick change to a stunning gown brought Miss Franklin again to the footlights with a number showing how German, Irish and Hebrew lullabies are sung. This song shows the comedienne's versatility splendidly. "Expression," one of last year's hits, was rendered in a fancy short black dress, with everything to match. An impersonation of a saucy quick-lunch waitress, with a cleverly written character ditty, brought down the house. The final number, sung in a pink bonnet and blue silk dress, with a small hoop skirt effect that is very quaint and pretty, is called "Humpty and Dumpty," and it is exquisitely sung and illustrated by Miss Franklin. To say that her new offering made a hit is putting it very mildly. Miss Franklin stands in a class by herself and has not a single rival in her field. Much of her success is due to the sympathetic piano accompaniments played by Burt Green, who also made an individual hit with his piano solos during Miss Franklin's changes.

College Boys and a Girl.

Harry Tighe returned to vaudeville from Algeria last week, and appeared at Keeney's, Brooklyn, in a new skit on college life, called Books, written by Philip Troup. The scene is a room occupied by three chums at Yale. One of the boys has written to his father for money to buy books, and the old man takes the precaution of ordering the books himself, and sends the check to pay for them. The student sees only the check, and is in a muddle when it becomes necessary to pay for the volumes. Mr. Tighe, as the big, good-natured football player, straightens out the matter when the old man arrives, and the latter becomes a boy again as soon as he strikes the college atmosphere. Part of the plot concerns Dorothy Walden, charmingly played by Mabel Croft, who would create a sensation anywhere by her beauty. The skit is full of snap and go and is bound to be even more successful than Mr. Tighe's former offerings. The songs introduced were excellently rendered. The star is assisted by William St. James, Fred Conina, Frank Cook, William Belford, and Miss Croft.

A Hebrew Comedy Sketch.

Harry First offered at Keeney's, Brooklyn, a new sketch by Charles Horwitz called The Marriage Fee. Mr. First plays a Hebrew who sells lottery tickets and runs a matrimonial bureau. He is anxious to have his son marry a rich girl, but the latter falls in love with a working girl instead and insists on marrying her. It happens that the girl in question has bought a lottery ticket from the old man, and when the list of winners comes in he is overjoyed to find that his son's fiancée holds ticket 999, which calls for a large sum. When she shows the ticket it is discovered that it is number 666 and had been read upside down. The old man is disappointed but swallows his chagrin and gives the young couple his blessing. Mr. First plays the elderly Hebrew with most satisfactory results and is cleverly assisted by James London and Florence Hendley. The sketch itself reflects much credit upon the author, Mr. Horwitz, and is in his best vein.

An Aquatic Surprise.

Bowdoin's Surprise is the title of a novel turn offered at the Fulton Theatre, Brooklyn. It was invented and produced by H. L. Bowdoin, who devised the effects for Neptune's Daughter at the Hippodrome. The act has a woodland setting, and a lake occupies the greater part of the stage. A clown is seen seated on the bank of the lake, fishing, and while he fishes up a live dog, an alarm clock, bottles and other things, three bar performers go through a series of stunts above the water. One of them finally falls into the water and disappears. The clown goes through a lot of comedy business, and finally gets his rod and fishes the acrobat from the depths. The act scored a hit with the Brooklynites and shows great ingenuity in its working.

Two More "Lloyds."

Two more members of the seemingly inexhaustible Lloyd family made their first appearance here at the Lincoln Square. They are billed as Maude and Sidney Wood, and are the sister and brother of Daisy Wood and of Marie, Alice and Rosie Lloyd. They proved rather clever youngsters, and though they opened the bill with a fair share of approval. They dress very neatly and dance cleverly, but their vocal efforts are

painful. They open in one with a "Canoodle" song, and then play a game of tennis in two, with an appropriate song. A full stage ball-room scene is used for the third song, a sort of love duet. The finish is a smart little dance, at the conclusion of which they took five bows on Monday evening.

Funny Devil Travesty.

Al Fields, formerly of Fields and Ward, tried out a travesty at the Fifth Avenue on Sunday. It is called Too Much Devil, and if the laughter and applause that greeted the skit, which is the joint work of Mr. Fields and Ben Shields, is any criterion, the comedian has one of the genuine hits of the season. The characters are the same as those used in the Molnar play, but the lines are burlesqued in a highly amusing way. Mr. Fields plays the Devil, and it is by far the best bit of work he has ever done. Bertha Wilson as the wife is immensely funny, and William Seymour scored as a servant with long whiskers. Francis Yale plays the artist cleverly and they all work together with much skill to produce amusing results.

Clever Japanese.

At the Lincoln Square last week were two Japanese who displayed unusual skill. One was Yamamoto and the other a very dainty bit of femininity billed as Miss Koyoshi. She is neither coy nor shy, but extremely daring and clever. She did equilibristic tricks on a very shaky pyramid of blocks, and later did amusing things, a pole balanced by Yamamoto. She kept the hearts of the people in their mouths most of the time, both with her remarkable tricks and her very sweet smile. Yamamoto, in a programme note, begs the audience to make no mistake, as he is the only original Yamamoto. "Be that as it may," he has a tip-top turn.

Several Songs and a Dance.

Valerka Surrat and William Gould opened at Keeney's Theatre in Brooklyn in a new arrangement of their sketch. Mr. Gould sang an odd little song called "Paul and Mand," that made a hit, and another about a landlady that was strengthened by some amusing business. Miss Surrat warbled of the new Directoire girl, wearing an appropriate dress that caused the women to lean forward eagerly. The much advertised "Three Weeks" dance is tame, and the Apache dance, which as originally done in Paris created a sensation, but as performed by Miss Surrat and Mr. Gould is an uninteresting affair.

A Tragedian in Vaudeville.

The patrons of the Colonial were given a treat last week when Thomas E. Shea made his vaudeville debut under the management of Cohen and Harris in The Bells, which Mr. Shea has presented many times in the legitimate houses. Extended comment on his performance is unnecessary, but it is pleasant to be able to record the fact that the play was watched with the keenest interest, and was apparently thoroughly enjoyed. It was well put on, the light effects being especially good. Mr. Shea was supported by Messrs. Charters, Lake and Cassaday, and the Misses Burkett and Ford.

A Talented Violinist.

Emilia Frassinetti, a European violinist, made her first American appearance at the Lincoln Square. Her first selection was unaccompanied, and showed her skill to great advantage. This was followed by two lively numbers of the Hungarian school. The enthusiasm of the audience proves that even in vaudeville good violin playing is appreciated, and Miss Frassinetti can safely write home that she has scored a genuine success in New York.

Reappears in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn enjoyed the privilege last week of welcoming back to vaudeville Edna Wallace Hopper, who appeared at Keeney's in a single act, where she wore a becoming costume and sang "I Want You All for My Own." "What's the Use of All the Clothes Without the Girl Inside?" "I Just Couldn't Do Without You," and "A Difficult Girl to Find."

Smart Vocalist-Dancer.

Alma Gray made her debut at the Fifth Avenue, Oct. 11, in a singing and dancing act. She opens in full stage, simply to give atmosphere to a Western song, and finishes in two, with some splendid dancing. She should work in one entirely and sing two instead of one song, as she proved her ability both as a singer as well as a dancer.

Singing Pierrots.

At the Fifth Avenue Theatre on Sunday, Oct. 11, Billy Keene presented a musical melange entitled The Pierrots. The act consists of six people in Pierrot costumes and embraces solo, quartet and ensemble numbers. The singing is pleasing, but the act runs entirely too long and some of the selections should be improved.

A Female Samson.

Alha, who made her first appearance at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, is a woman juggler of remarkable strength. She duplicates the feats of some of the best known men who make a specialty of handling heavy objects, even to the catching of cannon balls.

LAUDER WARMLY WELCOMED.

The Scotch Comedian Gets a Noisy and Enthusiastic Reception.

Harry Lauder arrived on the "Lusitania" on Friday. These were several showings and a lord or two on the big boat, but they were lost sight of in the vociferous welcome that was accorded the great little man from the land of "Annie Laurie." William Morris himself and his entire "inc" staff were there to greet him, and the party were officers of Scotch societies, White Rats, and Comedy Club men, as well as a band of real Scotch pipers, who made the welkin fairly screech with their efforts.

When Lauder was spied on the deck of the steamer dressed in the kilt of his clan, a salute was fired from a cannon and the pipers nearly blew their heads off. When the comedian landed at the pier he was met by a large crowd of admirers and cheered lustily. He and Mrs. Lauder were placed in an open barouché and followed by carriages and automobiles drove through the city to the Hotel Astor, where Claire Romaine and several other friends were waiting on the steps. Last cheers were given as the Lauder party walked through the lobby of the hotel, and the crowd remained until they disappeared in the elevator. After dinner Mr. Lauder visited the Blaney's Lincoln Square Theatre and the American, and was warmly applauded by the audience when he took his seat. He declined to respond to demands for a speech. Later in the evening a supper was given in his honor at the Astor by William Morris, the guests including George Foster, Lauder's manager; Alice Lloyd, the McNaughtons, Daisy Wood, Mr. and Mrs. Burlinghoff, Tom Vallance, and Chief Steward Allison, of the "Lusitania." On Saturday Mr. Lauder was taken to the golf links at Garden City at the guest of Peter Goddard, where he played a game with Jerome D. Traversa. On the steamer with the comedian were Hugo Morris, who represents William Morris in London, and William A. Dillon.

SUNDAY QUESTION IN MEMPHIS.

Max Fabish, manager of the Casino, and P. R. Isaacs, manager of the Casino, in Memphis, Tenn., were fined \$50 each on Oct. 2 for giving performances on Sunday. Both cases were appealed and the final adjustment of the matter will be left to the higher courts. In a further effort to test the Sunday law all managers gave performances on Sunday, Oct. 11, and submitted to arrest in each instance. The performers were allowed to continue, and the arrests were made without disturbance.

THE AMERICAN OPENED.

Successful Inauguration of Vaudeville Policy Under Morris Management.

The vaudeville season was started last week at the American under the direction of William Morris, Inc., and indications point to great prosperity. The opening day was "Yom Kippur," the big Jewish holiday, and the house was not large enough to accommodate the throngs that tried to get in. Mr. Morris was on hand and was highly pleased because he had to stand up in his own theatre. E. J. Rogers was there with his pleasant smile; Superintendent Pinkler, formerly of the Union Square, saw that every one was made comfortable. Officer "Dewey" Manning, who for years was a bad mark at the Union Square, kept order on the sidewalk and in the lobby, and looked very imposing in his new uniform. The opening bill was topped by the Four Mortons, who, by the way, are losing much of the energy and ginger that formerly characterized them, and the rest of the bill was a series of good things. The first of these was a special feature and played just like a woman in a way that delighted their admirers. Barnold's dogs and monkeys, it is unnecessary to say, were a howling success, though the animals have been trained to do the audience the most surprising things. Their funny antics, Felix and Calie brought down the house with their precocity, and their imitations were encored repeatedly. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fitzsimmons were given a hearty reception, and their respective efforts in "A Man" and "The Three Diamonds" pleased. The Three Diamonds were well received, and Smirli and Kessner opened the entertainment attractively. Excellent pictures were shown by the Morris management, and the programme was a success. The names of the artists are placed on slides in a board at either side of the stage, and lights are turned on behind the name of the act that is on at the time. The redecorating and refitting of the theatre has been done with excellent taste, and it presents a bright, cheerful appearance, quite in keeping with the style of entertainment offered.

THE KEITH AND PROCTOR THEATRES.

Edna May Spooner, Robert Hilliard, At the Country Club, The Six Cuttys, and Others.

Fifth Avenue.

Edna May Spooner drew many of her old admirers, presenting The She Devil, which was reviewed in this Mirror recently. At the Comedy Club, the Lasky offering, and Gus Edwards' Country Kids are the complete number of people in a more or less interesting way. The Byrne Brothers risked their necks in their lively Eight Bells sketch, and the Olivetti Troubadours entertained with music. McNish and Penfold scored in a genuine vaudeville act. The Six Musical Cuttys, who make his points with skill and effect. Wynne and Lewis proved very entertaining with some new talk and a new member in the team, and the pictures pleased. Alha, the strong woman, is reviewed elsewhere.

125th Street.

Robert Hilliard's name at the top of a bill in Harlem is the signal for big business, and large crowds applauded him last week in Number 973. The rest of the programme was unusually strong and pleasing. The Six Musical Cuttys, who make his favorites and were encored until they were tired out. Ward and Curran in The Terrible Judge were a screaming success. Karno's A Night in an English Music Hall brought down the house. Victor Niblo and his singing birds created much merriment. James and Sadie Leonard and Richard Anderson in their travesty, When Caesar C's Her, were one of the best liked numbers in the bill. Johnnie Le Fevre and Frankie St. John made their reappearance as a team and repeated former success in their songs, dances and sayings. Otto Brothers made a solid hit, and the pictures were well liked.

COLONIAL.

Thomas E. Shea Presents The Bells and Claire Romaine Makes Her Reappearance.

Thomas E. Shea made his New York vaudeville debut in The Bells, and a review of his performance will be found elsewhere. Claire Romaine, the clever little Englishwoman, who was over here last season under the "advanced" vaudeville banner, made her reappearance and gave a very cordial reception. She has one big hit in a song called "What's the Use of All the Clothes Without the Girl Inside?" The refrain of which was sung by the entire audience without any special urging on the part of the singer. Her other songs were "Good-bye to You," "I Only Want to Whisper in Your Ear," and "I Haven't Told My Mother Up to Now." It is too bad that Miss Romaine should find it necessary to sing songs with a blue tint, as she is talented enough to get along without this sort of stuff. One verse of her "Whisper" song is decidedly vulgar. John C. Rice and Sally Cohen revived The Kleptomaniacs, which was one of their most successful sketches when they first entered vaudeville. It has lost none of its entertaining qualities, and as played by these clever artists made as big a success as if it were being seen for the first time. Mlle. De De, with her remarkable light effects; smart Little Cliff, who has added an amusing monologue full of ancient "whoppers"; Barry and Wolford, amusing talkers and singers; the very funny Artois Brothers, Foster and Foster, the Careless Life Guards, and the vitagraph were also in the programme.

BLANEY'S LINCOLN SQUARE.

Several Foreign Novelties Add Interest to an Excellent Bill.

Fatima Miris, Maude and Sidney Wood, Yamamoto, and Emilia Frassinetti, all new to New York, lent a flavor of novelty to the programme. The acts are varied and novel. James J. Morton, the large and uncouth humorist, kept the house in a roar with his nonsense. His new recitations are more foolish and more amusing than anything of the kind he has ever done. He is now billed as "the man who asks and answers his own questions." Tim McMahon, for his second week, put on his Southern plantation sketch, which is very effective. The scenery is excellent and the girls sing and dance cleverly. They were recalled several times and finally Tim came out to take their bows. Claire Romaine, a French girl, was a rousing welcome and had to call the card boy to help her carry off the wagon load of flowers that were handed up to her. She sang "When You're in Love," "Love Me Like I Like to Be Loved," "The Right Church," and "Love Me Like I Like to Be Loved." The Right Church, but the Wrong Fear. "It Looks Like a Big Night to-night," and "Marie," and every one of them made a hit. Caron and Herbert were extremely successful with their comedy acrobatics, and the Morriscope showed some interesting films.

THE TROUBLE IN LONDON

Hostilities Still On Between the V. A. F. and the Agents.

The English variety world is still in a turmoil over the dispute between the performers and the agents, and there is no telling where it will end. A mass meeting of performers was held on Sept. 22 at Bedford Hotel, London, at which was attended by over 400 members of the V. A. F. Joe O'Gorman was in the chair, surrounded by R. G. Knowles, Harry Lauder, Joe Elvin, Wal Pink, W. F. Clenden, Eugene Stratton, Fred Russell, Dutch Daly, Willie Bard, Tom Costello, and other headliners. Mr. O'Gorman made a stirring speech, in which he threw down the gauntlet to the agents. He was followed by Mr. Clement, Mr. Lauder, Mr. Pink, Mr. Knowles, and others. They all spoke earnestly and with feeling on the question of excessive commissions. Mr. Lauder told of his early struggles and how he had to support his wife and family on a salary of three pounds ten, with ten per cent. deducted by the agent. Resolutions expressing confidence in the Executive Committee, and pledging the warm support of the members were passed. Another resolution giving the agents until Oct. 2 to accept the terms of the V. A. F. was also passed. The agents held a meeting on Sept. 23, and over 50 were present. It was unanimously resolved that the V. A. F. having refused arbitration, that the terms of the Federation be rejected. One of the results of the strike is a movement among the Water Rats to establish an agency of their own, with five per cent commission in engagements actually procured.

WILLIAMS' GREENPOINT OPENED.

New House Inaugurated in the Presence of a Capacity Audience.

Greenpoint, which is a sort of suburb of Williamsburg, was all aglow with excitement on Saturday evening, when the new Greenpoint Theatre, built and managed by Percy G. Williams, was opened to the public. It is the first real theatre Greenpoint has ever had, and the natives are as proud as can be of the structure, hailing Mr. Williams as a genuine benefactor. The population of this section of Greater New York is about 75,000. The ground for the theatre was bought by Mr. Williams twenty years ago, and he has held it until Greenpoint was big enough to support a first-class place of amusement.

The new house is situated at 825 Manhattan Avenue. It is a fireproof structure, covering a plot 100 x 150 feet on Calver Street, where the main body of the building is situated. There is a twenty-five foot frontage with handsome entrance on Manhattan Avenue. The building has a seating capacity of 1,800. The lower floor seats 750 people. The decorative scheme is carried out in rich red, combined with sage green, and the hangings are of velours in these colors. The orchestra floor is furnished with chairs upholstered in embossed Spanish leather.

Long before the doors were opened there was a large crowd in front of the theatre, and there were many disappointed, who could not get even standing room.

The special opening bill was headed by McIntyre and Heath, whom Mr. Williams regards as his mascots. They came from Chicago especially to be on hand for the event. The others were Laddie Cliff, Barry and Wolford, Richard Crolius and company, Work and Over, Signor M. Cato, and Muller, Chunn and Muller. Beginning with yesterday afternoon, the regular bill was headed by Eva Tanguay.

The lobby on Saturday night was decorated with many elaborate floral pieces, several of which were sent by the employees of the other Williams houses. Before the performance was over Mr. Williams was called upon for a speech, and he responded with some happy remarks that were loudly cheered by the Greenpointers.

Benedict Blatt, formerly of the Novelty Theatre, Brooklyn, is the resident manager of the Greenpoint, and he intends to make the house sustain the reputation of the others so successfully conducted by Mr. Williams.

ALHAMBRA.

Taylor Granville and Several of the Orpheum Road Show Features.

The bill was made up of most of the acts engaged for the Orpheum Road Show, with Taylor Granville in The Star Bout as the special headliner. The boxing sketch has lost none of its attractiveness, and Mr. Granville works just as hard as if he had not been a regular out and out star for a few weeks. The light scene was a real deal of enthusiasm. Francesca Parker is pretty, petite and pleasing as Maggie, and Laura Plarport scored as Mayne Farrell. The others are quite competent. The Van Dyck, with Harrison Hunter in the leading role, was well liked. The climax bringing tears of laughter. Merian's dogs pleased the children of all ages. Charles and Fannie Van won favor in A Case of Emergency, which has many good lines, and Hyman Meyer, assisted by big piano, whistled away twenty minutes very happily. James Thornton was in a very happy mood, and his remarks were greeted appreciatively. Rawson and June's boomerang throwing was a very interesting number, and Cook and Stevens, clever colored folks and the vitagraph won their share of approval.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.

Virginia Harned Reads the Bill—Irene Franklin Makes the Hit.

It is seldom that the mass patrons of this house make a big fun over any one, but they were carried away last week by little Irene Franklin, whose new act is reviewed elsewhere. Virginia Harned was the headliner, assisted by Margaret Gordon and Shelby Hull, presented her own sketch, The Idol of the Hour. Leo Dietrichstein appeared in his own force, that has to do with a little red button. The star, Jane Gordon, Pola La Salda, and Howard Hull manage to make it amusing. Belle Blanche mimicked Jack Norworth, Bonnie McVay, James Thornton, Ethel Jackson, Richard Cline, Eddie Leonard, and Eva Tanguay. The Thornton and Cline imitation was bad, but the others are quite clever. John Hyams and Lella McIntyre played Two Hundred Wives, which is becoming a trifle showy. Matthews and Ashley scored in The Hold-Up, and Bobby Pandor and Brother, Lyons and Farland, played the vitagraph and the programme, that drew crowded houses.

NEW INDIAN SKETCH.

Martin Beck signed contracts with J. H. Garrett, representing Emma Rainey, who, it is said, will be the first Indian maid to play a dramatic part on the stage, for a tour over the Orpheum Circuit in a playlet she calls "A Modern Pocahontas." Miss Rainey, who is a full blooded queen from the Shoshone reservation near Salt Lake City, is a bright girl of eighteen. She is a graduate of Carlisle, speaks and writes English fluently, and is said to possess considerable natural ability as an actress. During her last recent tour over the Orpheum Circuit, she played at Salt Lake City on Oct. 11, and the Pacific Coast cities will follow, after which the sketch will be seen in the East. The act is entirely Indian in character, there being eight Shoshone Indians in the play from the reservation—two women and six men. In addition there are two white men, making a total of ten in the company. The mounting of the act is pretentious.

TILLYON PAYS A DIVIDEND.

George C. Tilyon, of Steeplechase Park, Coney Island, has declared an 8 per cent dividend on the company's capitalization of \$2,000,000, and has also set aside a surplus of \$95,000. Yesterday a barrel full of checks was sent out as a result of this division of profits. The work of dismantling and tearing down the Steeplechase racetrack and other structures of the park has begun, in order to make ready for their rebuilding on a permanent and larger scale. Instead of building this winter the great Palace of Pleasure, between Surf Avenue and the Bowery, according to the permanent plans for the new park. Mr. Tilyon contemplates extending to Surf Avenue in an ornamental structure, the "Fountain of Fun," making this great fireproof amusement emporium 900 feet long, and providing for a half-mile automobile course on the balcony around its interior walls.

MARTIN BECK'S "AT HOME."

Martin Beck announced yesterday that hereafter he will be "at home" to performers and others who wish to see him on business every day from 10.30 to 12.30. A system of appointments will be arranged, and everybody will be treated alike, whether the act is large or small. Mr. Beck is an extremely busy man, but has set aside these hours in order that the interests of performers and managers may be advanced. In speaking of the matter, Mr. Beck said: "I think the new arrangement will benefit us as well as the artist. I must restrict this part of my work to the hours named, however. At present I am stopped in the elevator, approached at lunch, and even telephoned to after I have settled down in my chair at home by artists who wish bookings. Now, I think it will be regulated to the satisfaction and comfort of all."

A UNIQUE WRITE-UP.

In a recent Sunday issue of the San Francisco Examiner, "Fannie Fisher," of Chicago and Fannie Fisher, who are presenting figures at the theatre, were the subject of an interview that occupied the whole first page of the magazine section of the paper. A picture of Miss Fisher, measuring 11 x 16 inches, is in the center of the page and is surrounded by an interview, which is not to be a surprise. Miss Fisher that is a picture.

TRAVELS OF A MAGICIAN.

FIRST OF A SERIES OF LETTERS TELLING OF
RAYMOND'S EXPERIENCES.

Man of Mystery Begins His Tour of the World in Havana—Breaks Sarah Bernhardt's Record for Receipts—Escapes from Jail in Which Hobson Was Confined—Cubans Are Enthusiastic When They Get What Pleases Them in the Amusement Line

PERANABU, BRAZIL, Aug. 15.—Every mail from the States and nearly every European boat brings letters of inquiry from brother magicians and fellow managers who contemplate touring South America, the British West Indies or Africa. Many letters come from vaudeville performers desiring to know if an American vaudeville company or an English vaudeville act can "make good" down here. As time is precious and inquiries are many, I will through THE MIRROR endeavor to give a brief outline of this part of our trip around the world, describing some of our queer experiences, queer people, strange theatres and still stranger audiences encountered en route, giving such details as I think will prove of interest to our fellow readers in general.

It is just thirteen months to-day since our first agent left New York for Havana, Cuba, en route to Mexico, Central America and South America, armed with huge photo frames and six bill trunks containing everything in the way of lithos from a quarter-sheet window card to a twenty-sheet stand, to herald the coming of the Great Raymond Show. A few weeks later my business-manager followed, and a fortnight after we were snugly ensconced on board the good ship *Morinda* southward bound, our company numbering sixteen people, with nearly six tons of baggage. We opened at Havana to S. R. O. Prices were \$1 to \$5 (\$1 in Spanish silver is worth 95 cents in American gold). Standing room on the lower floor was \$3, and spectators on the sidewalk sold the best seats at \$8 to \$10. We played to capacity business for two weeks, with four matinees, the largest audiences and most money in the history of El Teatro Nacional, formerly Tiocha, which seats 4,200. We beat the record made seventeen years ago by Sarah Bernhardt, by \$178. While in Havana I escaped from the grim "Garrote" and "Pataleto" (death chamber), where more than 750 prisoners have been executed. Immense crowds thronged around the "Penitente," and as Colonel Hernandez, governor of the prison, warmly congratulated me the crowd wildly cheered, and unhitching the horses from my carriage drew me through the streets, cheering and waving hats, canes and handkerchiefs.

Havana is a beautiful city, claiming 400,000 population. The Latin people are always amusement lovers, and Havana is no exception. There are four large theatres and two smaller ones. At night the scenes in the cafes and on the streets, the beautiful gowns, brilliant jewels and numerous automobiles suggest Paris. Any company with plenty of new and sensational features, not depending upon the English language, can, if properly equipped with the best of pictorial printing, secure a capacity opening in Havana, and if the entertainment promises tremendous business is assured. Many American and English vaudeville and pantomime companies, and many American "picture shows," have failed in Havana, chiefly because they underrated the intelligence of the Cubans.

Probably one-half of the better class of Cubans annually visit New York and Paris, where they see the best in the amusement line. In Paris they do their shopping and acquire many European ideas. A first-night in Havana is a revelation; a dream of beautiful women, gorgeous gowns, sparkling jewels and well-groomed men faultlessly dressed (after the Latin idea) and pomaded, waxed and perfumed to the barber's taste.

Matanzas, Puerto Principe, and Camaguey are each good for three or four performances, with a complete change nightly. All have fairly well-equipped theatres with ample seating capacity. Camaguey is especially good for an American entertainment, on account of the large foreign colony, principally English and American. Pinar del Rio, the chief tobacco town of Cuba, is a lively little city, where two or three performances can be given with profit. Cienfuegos, the safest harbor and best town on the upper south coast, is commercially one of the best towns in Cuba. There are several other cities varying in population from ten to twenty thousand, which the smaller Spanish companies occasionally play with more or less profit. Santiago, historically the most interesting city in Cuba, has one of the finest harbors in the world. It is much improved since the American intervention. Smallpox and yellow fever are almost unknown since the establishment of the American health department and the building of proper sewers. The city boasts three theatres, a concert hall and a wide-awake population that will pack the house for a week or more for any company that catches the popular fancy.

We played the Teatro Oriente, which is the largest and best theatre in Santiago for eleven nights and two matinees at advanced prices to capacity. I here visited Morro Castle, and on a wager stripped and after being handcuffed and shackled to the huge iron ring in the floor in the dungeon cell in which Hobson was confined during the Spanish war, Captain Rodriguez and his officers double-locked the heavy iron doors and awaited results. After several minutes of strenuous work I succeeded in effecting my release and joined the captain and spectators in the outer corridor. Needless to say, Captain Rodriguez paid for the big champagne supper at the Hotel Venus that night, at which Captain Dougherty of the American police patrol, and Consul Holiday were two of the guests.

RAYMOND.

FOR HOLDING WOMEN'S HATS.

Percy G. Williams thinks he has solved the problem of taking care of women's hats in the theatre. As a rule, no matter what accommodations are provided in a theatre for the care of women's headgear, they are reluctant to lose sight of the manes of flowers and feathers, and prefer to hold them on their heads. Last week Mr. Williams purchased the rights to a new device in the shape of a huge hat box to be placed under each seat, that is guaranteed to hold safely the largest "Merry Widow" curl protective ever made. It will be installed at the Tanager Theatre to be built by Mr. Williams in Long Island City.

FRANK-KNOBLAUCH.

Harry Frank, agent for De Rue Brothers' Minstrels, and Ida Knoblauch, of Glensville, N. Y., were married by Judge J. Frank MacLaughlin at his home on Richmond Hill, New Canaan, Conn., on Saturday, Oct. 3. It was a wedding in which almost all concerned are connected with the stage, the judge being manager of the local opera house, and the witnesses Mrs. J. Frank MacLaughlin, having been advertising manager, and Bertha Withall being the sister of the stage-manager. Mr. Frank is well known in the profession and is De Rue's right hand man. His bride is not in the profession. Their numerous friends will wish them many years of happiness and prosperity.

GRACE HAZARD'S STORY.

In a recent issue of the "National Magazine," Grace Hazard, the comedienne, had an interesting little story called "Animal Actors." It is cleverly written and contains her observations of various animal acts she has run across while playing in vaudeville. Among the acts described are Barnard's dogs, Herbert's dogs, Woodward's seals, and Valoni's doves. Miss Hazard treats them interestingly and her article makes interesting reading.

A KEITH HOUSE IN LOWELL.

Plans for a new theatre to seat about 1,500 have been prepared for B. F. Keith and are now in the hands of a well-known builder of Lowell, Mass., who will figure on the probable cost of the structure, which, it is said, will be built in Bridge Street before next season.

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IN MEXICO CITY.

Madame Marchesi Coming—Lydia Rostow's Success—Moving Pictures in Public Favor.

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 1.—A great ovation was tendered Lydia Rostow on her appearance at the Metropolitan Academy Theatre last night. The stage was entirely covered with roses and chrysanthemums thrown by an audience which occupied every available seat and crowded the aisles. She cleared for the house during her three weeks' stay something like \$45,000. Miss Rostow leaves to-day for Vera Cruz, where she will fill a short engagement, then sails for Marseilles, whence she goes direct to Paris.

Madame Blanche Marchesi, the famous interpreter of song, is booked to appear in Mexico during the coming winter. H. M. Thoral and J. Saunders Gordon, of Chicago, have charge of the tour. It will be remembered that it was under Mr. Gordon's direction that Madame Calvé appeared in this capital last winter.

A list of attractions at the various places of amusement here is of interest. It will be noted that moving pictures form an important attraction: Salon Rojo, cinematograph and spectacles; Monte Carlo, cinematograph and vaudeville; "La Portuguesa," the famous dancer; Paris Salon, cinematograph, Petite Delta, Emmella Ferrando; Teatro Lirico, afternoon, Rosa Fuentes, Zarzuela company; Dreamland, Avenida San Francisco, next to Salon Bach, cinematograph and vaudeville; Majestic, Avenida San Francisco, cinematograph with hall illuminated; Oris's, Aldo, trans-journalist; Metropolitan Academy, cinematograph, Mlle. Lydia Rostow, Lanzetta, Emma and La Barbario; Virginia Fabregas, Fabregas Dramatic company, Sorpresa del Divorcio and Primera Postura; Fronton Nacional, afternoon, pelota; two partidos and two quinielas.

MUDGE INTERVIEW CAUSES STIR.

The long and interesting interview with R. G. Mudge, published in THE MIRROR last week, caused no end of discussion among the White Rats. Many of the members were unaware of the facts in connection with Mr. Mudge's resignation, until they read THE MIRROR, and some of those who had a wrong impression of the case changed their minds when they read the ex-official's frank statement. Nobody connected with the order has so far come forward to deny any of Mr. Mudge's statements, which he made in order to set himself right before the profession in general and his former associates in particular, on account of the many rumors that had been spread abroad by those who were prejudiced against him.

A BIG SYNDICATE.

A report comes from Cleveland to the effect that Edward Salsbury, manager of Luna Park in that city, is authority for the story that at a recent conference in Chicago, plans were made for the formation of a syndicate controlling park and circus property valued at \$22,000,000. The organization will be known as the American Association of Park Managers, and will probably have its headquarters in Cleveland, with Mr. Salsbury as secretary. The Ringling Circus, Electric Park, Kansas City, White City and Forest Park, Chicago, Glenazy Park, Columbus, and some of the big Coney Island enterprises are mentioned as being possible members of the new combination.

NEW TEAM FORMED.

Herbert Brooks, who has been doing a single act for several seasons, featuring his trunk mystery, has made arrangements with King, formerly of Zia's and King, to put on a big act, consisting of magic and illusions, with comedy triumphs. Mr. Brooks will finish his own dates at the new Greenpoint Theatre and thereafter the new firm will begin operations.

ROSIE LLOYD TO MARRY.

Rosie Lloyd, sister of Marie and Alice, is about to be married. The happy man is Will Polanski, Jr., of the famous family of entertainers. The ceremony will take place in London at the end of October.

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R. G. KNOWLES TELLS A VERY REMARKABLE
SNAKE STORY.

The Canadian Writes an Article for an English
Paper, in Which He Relates a Vivid Experi-
ence in a Far-Off Land—Tom Mann Returns
to Broadway from England—Caryl Wilbur Wel-
comed Home—Bob Dalley's Friends Give
him a Reception—Gossip of Other Numbers.

R. G. Knowles, in an article written for an
English publication on his experiences as a lec-
turer, relates the following incident: "One of
my quietest experiences was in a
Rhodesian mining town known as
'Globe and Phoenix.' The dining-
room of the hotel was converted
into a theatre. The floor was earth-
en, and at intervals an anxious look
would appear on the face of some
one in the audience, immediately
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floor. This solemn ritual puzzled me. Later, I
found out that adders, lizards and centipedes, at-
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Tom Mann, cleverly caricatured above by his
fellow-member, George W. Day, has returned
from Europe and is making his reappearance this
week at the Colonial Theatre. Tom is as good a
sailor as he is an actor, and enjoyed the voyage
both ways immensely.

Being asked by "M. A. P." to give his opin-
ion as to what constitutes an ideal holiday
(vacation), Mr. Knowles wrote: "An ideal Sum-
mer holiday for me is to find a new country—
that is, new to me—and mix with the people.
Interest one's self with their sports and enjoy
thoroughly the change, and return not only with
useful information, but also with a record of
your ideas in photographic form. Then when you
want to go over the ground in imagination,
you have these records as an aid, and you are
more than repaid for your trouble—for it doubles
the enjoyment."

Caryl Wilbur made his reappearance in New
York, after a long absence in England, at the
Lincoln Square last week. In his sketch, 61
Prospect Street, he plays twin brothers, and a
woman in the fourth row on Monday evening,
who had no programme, turned to her husband
and said, "They are both very good actors."
When he heard of this Wilbur immediately made
arrangements to pay himself two salaries. The
sign painter got Wilbur's first name twisted last
week, and the stage card made him appear as
"Caryl."

Harry Bulger made his first appearance in
Algeria last week, and made a distinct hit with
his two new songs, "And He Was a Soldier,
Too," and "Upon Thanksgiving Day." The com-
pany closed its New York engagement on Satur-
day night, and Mr. Bulger will be absent from his
usual haunts for some time.

Will M. Cressy ran across a sign in a Western
town recently that reads as follows: "Allen Dale
Cafeteria: Good Eats." Cressy says it only goes
to show what the roasting habit will lead a man
to.

Mr. and Mrs. Gene Hughes are now in the
West, presenting Shippings Press. Their
reception at the Orpheum, Minneapolis, was more
than cordial, and the press notices were cordial
in the extreme.

Joe Keaton and his family entertained at the
Hudson Theatre, Union Hill, N. J., last week,
and got a great send-off in the local papers.
"Buster" celebrated his fifteenth birthday on
Oct. 4, and is now counting the days until the
same date next year, when he can face the Gerry
men bravely and indulge in his acrobatic work
right on Broadway with impunity.

J. A. Murphy and Eloise Willard have been en-
gaged as a special feature for a few weeks on the
Mozart Circuit. They are in Elmira this
week, their fifth on the tour, and are meeting
with much appreciation in their funological fan-
tasy, The Phenologist.

Adolf Zink has begun rehearsals of the new
sketch in which he will be starred by Gus Ed-
wards. He is assisted by a half dozen diminutive
girls.

"Bob" Dalley's friends were present in force
at the New York Theatre on the opening night
of The American Idea last week, and gave him a
rousing greeting. His effervescent humor
helped to make the piece a big popular success,
and he will probably be on the "Main Street"
the best part of the season.

It is more than likely that Fred Hallen and
his charming wife, Mollie Fuller, will soon re-
turn to New York. They recently returned to
San Francisco, having given up the idea of mak-
ing a tour around the world. While playing in
Honolulu they heard that the prospects in Aus-
tralia were not very promising, so they came
back to the U. S. A.

Bert Levy's engagement at the Palace, London,

has been extended, owing to his phenomenal suc-
cess.

George Mozart, the English comedian, will
come to New York in February and will open in
the Williams houses.

Julia Garrison and company will open in an
entirely new act, week of Oct. 19, at Dockstad-
er's, Wilmington, Del.

John Birch, the "Man with the Hairs," has
been booked for an extended tour that will keep
him in the West at least forty weeks.

Fred Ray was seized with a sudden illness at
Easton, Pa., on Friday evening last, and has
been compelled to cancel several dates pending
his recovery.

Harry Ladell, known as the "Watch Charm,"
has joined hands with Florence Brown, late of
the Hurlig and Season forces. They are re-
hearsing a new act, and will open in the near
future.

First Vice-President Francis Morey, leading
man with Una Clayton, begins his regular season
this week at Yonkers, N. Y., with a first-class
route in the best theatres to follow.

Treasurer A. O. Duncan is still in the wild
and woolly West.

President James J. Morton announced yester-
day that he has signed a contract to star next
season in a musical comedy that will be produced
on a very elaborate scale at the Circle Theatre.
No details are ready for publication as yet, but
"Jim" says even now the proposition looks ex-
tremely good to him.

AMONG AGENTS AND PRODUCERS.

The Plans of Those Who Aim to Provide Novel
Turns.

Alf T. Wilton reports the continued booking
of Charlie Case over the United time, and has
secured over ten weeks for George Armstrong.
"The Happy Chappy," who was such a success
at Newark recently. He is also booking Maurice
Freeman, who opened at New Brunswick in his
new act last week. The new act of Ted S. Bar-
ron, entitled The Birthday Party, will open under
the booking direction of Mr. Wilton at Perth
Amboy this week.

The Gibson Girl's Review, Binning and Sol-
man's initial production, opens this week at
Lynn, Mass., and is expected to be a big success
on account of its catchy music and many unique
features. Jack Mason is staging it. Mr. Mason
is also engaged in staging May Ward's new act.
The Cash Girl, which will include a big company,
and opens this week at Dover. His own act, A
Rumpus on the Campus, with an exceptional cast,
opens this week at Hoboken, and Grace Garner's
successful act has been booked by Mason for the
balance of the season.

Thomas J. Gray, formerly of York and Gray,
has removed his headquarters to the United Book-
ing Offices in the St. James Building.

May Leslie, Gertrude Moyer, and William Glaser,
a brother of Lulu Glaser, have arranged a new
act which is being tried out this week.

Harlan Knight, assisted by George Neville and
Lillian Volkman, opened under the management
of S. A. Peck at the Burtis Grand, Auburn, N. Y.,
week of Sept. 28, in Una Clayton's sketch. The
Chalk Line. Reports received indicate that the
act made a decided hit.

Loney Haskell was instrumental in inducing
Amelia Bingham to enter vaudeville for a short
season, and is looking after her interests while
she is in this field. Miss Bingham opened in
Atlantic City this week, and Mr. Haskell is play-
ing on the same bill.

Collins and Harlan, who have been more or
less famous for years as makers of records for
phonographs, have decided to go into vaudeville.
An interesting feature of their act will be a dem-
onstration of how records are made. All phono-
graph users are familiar with their names, and
there will be much curiosity concerning their
personalities.

Virginia Drew Treacott has finally acknowl-
edged that she is the authoress of The Man of
the People, in which she and Melbourne Mac-
Dowell are appearing this season. This week
they are at Worcester, Mass., where they are en-
gaged for the first time a new set of scenery con-
sisting of a splendid office interior with a view
of the iron works through the windows. Miss
Treacott has been approached by a manager who
wishes her to enlarge the sketch into a four-act
play, and may do so some time. The success of
The Man of the People has brought to Miss Treacott
an order for a sketch from a well-known
star, who will enter vaudeville about Jan. 1 next.

Gus Soblie's gigantic new production, Western
Life, will have its first showing week of Oct. 19
at Keith and Proctor's 125th Street Theatre.
The people, Indians, horses, ponies and music
will be rehearsed every day this week at the
Harlem house, so that everything should be in
first-class running order by the date set for its
debut.

Beatrice Ingraham will shortly appear in a
new sketch called The Duchess, written for her
by Porter Emerson Brown. The act is now in
rehearsal.

THE ZANCIGS RETURN.

Mr. and Mrs. Zancig, the Danish mind readers,
returned on Friday on the "Lone Star" and will
play a series of engagements on this side, booked
by the Maripiel Agency. During their stay in Eu-
rope they played before the King of England and
the royal family of Germany, and have brought back
several valuable medals, etc., as souvenirs.

DENVER LIKES THE HENGLERS.

May and Flora Hengler were the recipients of much
social attention during their recent engagement in
Denver. The cities were enthusiastic in praise of
their graceful dancing, one writer saying that they
reminded him of "a bunch of violets in a box of
roses."

THIS WEEK'S ATTRACTIONS.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S FIFTH AVENUE.—Karno's
Pantomime company, Valerie Berge and company,
Edna May Spooner and company in Comedy and
Tragedy, Joseph Hart's Rain Dancers, Daisy Harcourt,
Willy Pantier Trio, Melville Ellis, Matthews and
Lobby, Murray.

KEITH AND PROCTOR'S 125TH STREET.—Virginia
Harwood and company, Maggie Chase, Eight Palace
Girls, Gus Edwards' Country Kids, Olivetti Trou-
badours, the Laughing Horse, Wynne and Lewis, Alha.

COLONIAL.—Melvyn and Heath, Harry Gilford, Tom
Nawn and company, Claire Romaine (second week),
Robbedilla, Sharp Brothers and their Dusky Belles,
Howard's peepers, Natalie and Annie Dagwell, Gardner
and Summers.

ALHAMBRA.—Irene Franklin, assisted by Bert
Green; Anne Blanche and company, Fred Lindsay, La
Petite Revue, Ella Novlan Troupe, Charlie Case,
Boothblack Quartette, Fields and Woolley, Four Locusts.

HAMMERSTEIN'S VICTORIA.—Edna Wallace-Hopper,
Frank Moulton, Lillian Bari and company, Padette's
Orchestra, Elmore Sisters, James T. Horton, Carmen
Life Guards, Sam Williams, Irving Jones, Hathaway
and Siegel.

BLANCY'S LINCOLN SQUARE.—Harry Lauder, A Night
in Egypt, with Alice Raymond (first time here);
Harry Carson Clarke and company, Joe Bogany's
Troupe of Lascivious Babes, Charlie Vance, Prince
Kokin, Weston and Young.

AMERICAN.—The Four Mortons, Alexander Carr and
company, Grace Hazard, Minnie Palmer and company,
James J. Morton, Barnard's dogs, Barry Lapino, Three
Kellons.

The Burlesque Houses.

MINER'S BOWERY.—The Throughbreds gave a jolly
up to date entertainment. This week, Follies of the
Day.

MINER'S EIGHTH AVENUE.—The Avenue Girls were
quite at home here and pleased good crowds. This
week, Miner's Merry Burlesquers.

LONDON.—W. B. Watson's Burlesquers were ap-
plauded by large audiences. This week, The Duck-
lings.

MURRAY HILL.—The Knickerbockers entertained with
songs, dances and merry jests. This week, Troc-
adero.

HURTIG AND SEASON'S.—The Blithe Boudoirs secured
a solid success with the Harlequins. This week,
Rice and Barton's Big Gaiety company.

OLYMPIC.—Rose Sydell's London Belles, a favorite
organization, met with a flattering reception. This
week, Mord Goss Beanties.

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The Doherty Sisters, who style themselves the
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They are making complete changes in their act now,
and are displaying some beautiful dresses. They will
play in America until June 1909, when they will go
abroad for three months. They expect to play in
musical comedy next season.

Madame Sedoul Rhodes, a singer well known in
Europe, will be seen shortly at Hammerstein's Vic-
toria in a series of scenes from grand opera ap-
propriately staged.

A Cleveland restaurant proprietor is negotiating
with the manager of the local Keith theatre with a
view to engaging three or four acts each week to
entertain supper patrons with "midnight vaudeville."

Alice Bluer is paying Maine in The Professor, with
Orleton May.

Lord Shaftesbury, who is a millionaire, but who
amuses himself by singing at charity concerts, has
been offered an engagement in America at \$5000 per
week. His Lordship promptly declined the offer, as
his income is so large that even that figure would
not tempt him.

Damage amounting to \$500 was done at a fire in a
storehouse in Providence, in which properties and
other things belonging to Keith's Theatre were de-
stroyed a few days ago.

Valadon, the magician, was recently approached by
a manager, who wished to erect a small theatre for
him in New York, devoted exclusively to magic and
conducted like Egyptian Hall in London, where Valadon
was starred for five consecutive years.

Janet Melville and Eric Stetson are making their
first tour in vaudeville this year. After this season
they will retire from the stage, and Miss Stetson,
who in private life is Mrs. Sam Gunpart, will prob-
ably settle at Long Beach.

Fourteen Illinois girls, who were selected by popu-
lar vote as the prettiest young women in the State,
left for New York last Tuesday. The trip to
New York and a visit to the Hippodrome was the
first prize in the contest. To make it interesting for
the party the Hippodrome management gave them
the opportunity of appearing in the production. The
young women, with their chaperones, saw the circus
performance under the tent erected on the stage.
After the performance they were taken through the
building and given a ride across the big stage on the
Hippodrome camels.

The Northside Fair Association was well pleased
with the Great Patterson Show during the week of
Sept. 21-23. Mr. Patterson loaned the association a
large elephant on the last day of the fair, to meet
the special train passing through the city carrying
William H. Taft and party. The elephant was
decked out and was ridden by a handsome young
woman dressed as a Columbia, carrying roses to pre-
sent to the candidate.

Adelle Taecher, known on the stage as May Little,
and who was a member of the Frolicsome Ladies,
underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Beth
Israel Hospital, Newark, N. J., on October 7. She is
a native of Galveston, and was formerly a clerk in a
department store.

Hackenschmidt, the wrestler, underwent an opera-
tion at Nottingham, England, last week, for the
purpose of relieving the deafness to which he has been
subject for some time.

Ethel Whitehead announced in London recently that
she would give one of her "picks" to the person
that could provide him with the best horse. She is
about to start for Africa, and on her return is
booked ahead for three years.

Mitchell and Cain sailed from England on the
"Arabia" on October 1. They have signed for thirty
weeks in the Stroud Tour, opening next Summer.

Jack Lorimer and Johnson and Deau will come to
America soon to appear on the Morris Circuit.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bawn ("My Fanny") arrived
in New York last week. They came over to visit
Mrs. Bawn's relatives in St. Louis, but Mr. Bawn
may transact some business in the way of booking
American acts in Europe.

Sellie Randall was one of the features of the bill
at Blancy's, Yonkers, last week, and received several
nice compliments in the daily papers.

Judge Aspinwall granted a motion on Oct. 9, made
by the attorney for Mrs. Katherine Hayes for the
pursuit of her husband, Edmund Hayes, for con-
tempt of court in failing to pay alimony. The
money was paid up to Jan. 1, 1908.

The Melant Trio has been engaged to an octette,
and now consists of six men and two women.

Ethel Clegg and Evelyn Robson, of the Beanie Val-
dare Bicycle Girls, while playing at Bennett's Thea-
tre, Ottawa, Can., were given a reception by their
friends in that city, at the close of their engagement.
Oct. 10. Among those present were Leo Lavole,
Henry Chevasse, the local pressmen, and Tim Minnow
correspondent.

A row was started in the gallery of the Fifty-
fifth Street Theatre on Sunday evening, resulting
in several arrests. Three of the prisoners were freed
\$10 each on Sunday morning.

Carrie De Mar will begin a long London engage-
ment at the Coliseum on Nov. 30, and afterward will
make a professional tour of the Continent.

VAUDEVILLE PERFORMERS' DATES.

Performers are requested to send their dates well in advance.
Blank will be furnished on application. The names of per-
formers with combinations are not published in this list.

Adair, Edwin—Orph., Mansfield, O., 12-17, Orph., Can-
ton, O., 19-24.

Adelaide—Shirley's, Buffalo, N. Y., 12-17.

Adeline—Quartette—Keith's, Boston, Mass., 12-17.

Adler, Jeanette—Grand, Indianapolis, Ind., 12-17.

Ahearn Troupe—Armory, Binghamton, N. Y., 12-17.

Lord, Dayton, O., 19-24.

Abouline Trio—Trent, Trenton, N. J., 12-17.

Alarcon Trio—Bijou, Bay City, Mich., 12-17.

Alha—K. and P. 125th St., N. Y., 12-17.

Alburtus and Miller—Alhambra, Paris, Fr., 3-31.

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Anderson, Amy—Auditorium, Lynn, Mass., 12-17.
Anderson, Madge—Maj., Des Moines, Ia., 11-17.
Anderson and Glines—Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 12-17.
Orph., Yonkers, N. Y., 19-24.
Anderson, Four—Grand, Grand Rapids, Mich., 12-17.
Arlington Four—Bennett's, Montreal, Can., 12-17.
Armstrong, Grace—Bijou, Alton, Ill., 12-17.
Armstrong and Vernon—Orph., New Orleans, La., 11-17.
Arnold, Margaret—Grand, Pittsburgh, 12-17.
Artola Bros.—Orph., Bklyn., 12-17.
Astaire-Hudson, Union Hill, N. J., 12-17.
Austria, Tossing—Alhambra, Paris, Fr., Nov. 2.
Dec. 3.
Australian Tree Fellers—Orph., Boston, 12-17.
Avery, W. E.—Empire, Paterson, N. J., 12-17.
Avon Comedy Four—Orph., Bklyn., 12-17.
Bader, La Velle Trio—Memphis, Tenn., 11-17, Orph.,
New Orleans, La., 19-24.
Banks, Bessie—Duo—Cook's, Rochester, N. Y., 19-24.
Barnes, Paul—Shirley's, Buffalo, N. Y., 12-17.
Barnes and Crawford—Orph., Allentown, Pa., 12-17.
Barnes and Levine—Maj., Dallas, Tex., 12-17.
Barnes, T. Roy and Beale—Orph., Reading, Pa.,
19-24.
Barnold's Pantomime—American, N. Y., 12-17.
Barry and Hughes—Orph., Salt Lake City, U., 11-17,
Denver, Colo., 19-24.
Barry and Wolford—Orph., Bklyn., 12-17, Alhambra,
N. Y., 19-24.
Bartholdi's Cockatoos—Bennett's, Montreal, Can., 12-
17.
Bassett, Mortimer—Keith's, Providence, R. I., 5-16.
Barry, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie—Poli's, New Haven,
Conn., 12-17.
Battie, Wm. Carl—Hathaway's, New Bedford, Mass.,
12-17, Hathaway's, Lowell, Mass., 19-24.
Beane—Olympic, Chgo., 12-17.
Beard, Bill—Proctor's 5th Ave., 19-24.
Beaulieu, Arthur—Houston, Tex., 12-17.
Bedini, Louis—Orph., Boston, 12-17.
Beeson Trio, Lulu—Shea's, Toronto, 12-17, Shea's,
Buffalo, 19-24.
Be Gar Sisters—Lyric, Danville, Ill., 12-17.
Belong Brothers—Keith's, Columbus, O., 12-17.
Bennett Brothers—Maj., Little Rock, Ark., 12-17.
Benton, Elwood, and Gertrude McKenzie—Lyric,
Houston, Tex., 12-17.
BERNARD, VALERIE—K. and P. 5th Ave., N.
Y., 12-17, K. and P. 125th St., N. Y., 19-24.
Bernard—Bennett's, Montreal, Can., 12-17.
Berry and Berry—Proctor's, Albany, N. Y., 12-17.
Beulah and Miller—Orph., Omaha, Neb., 12-17, Orph.,
Memphis, Tenn., 19-24.
Beyer, Edna and Bro. Maj., Johnstown, Pa., 12-17,
Orph., Allentown, Pa., 19-24.
Blake and Ambler—Orph., Eng., 12-17, Pavilion,
New Castle, Eng., 19-24, Hippodrome, Sheffield,
Eng., 19-24, Hippodrome, London, 19-24.
BLANCY, HARRY CLAY, AND KIPPY
WOLFE—Maj., Chgo., 11-17, Columbia, St. Louis,
19-24.
Blanche, Ann—Alhambra, N. Y., 12-17.
Big City Quartette—Orph., Denver, Colo., 12-17.
Bim, Bim, B-e-e—Grand, Syracuse, N. Y., 12-17.
Birdland—Colonial, N. Y., 12-17.
Robb's Arabs—Orph., Bklyn., 12-17.
Boch, Otto—Temple, Detroit, Mich., 12-17.
Boganny, Joe—Lincoln Sq., 12-17.
Bolder, The—Proctor's, Albany, N. Y., 12-17.
Boley, Mar—Olympic, Chgo., 12-17.
Borani and Navarro—Proctor's, Albany, N. Y., 12-17.
Boothblack Quartette—Alhambra, N. Y., 12-17.
Boudin and Quinn—Globe, Cleveland, O., 19-24.
Bowdoin's Surprise—American, N. Y., 12-17.
Bowers, Walters and Crocker—Orph., Memphis, Tenn.,
11-17, Orph., New Orleans, La., 19-24.
Brady, Selma—Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 12-17.
Bradshaw, Chas. H.—Orph., Seattle, Wash., 11-17.
Brennan, Beale—Keith's, Cleveland, O., 12-17.
Brennan, Joe—Olympic, Chgo., 12-17.
Brennan, Herbert and Helen Downing—Maj., Birming-
ham, Ala., 19-24.
Brooks, Herbert—Greenpoint, Bklyn., 12-17.
Brooks and Vedder—Grand, Portland, Ore., 5-17.
Brown, Billy—Haymarket, Chgo., 12-17.
Brown Bros. and Kealey—Orph., Chgo., 12-17.
Brown and Navarro—Bennett's, Ottawa, Can., 12-17.
Brunettes, Cycling—O. H. East Liverpool, O., 12-17.
O. H. Bellaire, O., 19-24.
Burt, Laura, and Henry—Stanford—Orph., Reading,
Pa., 12-17, Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 19-24.
Busch, Johnnie—Orph., Atlanta, Ga., 12-17.
Bush and Elliott—Howard, Boston, 12-17.
Buster Brown and Tige—Hudson, Union Hill, N. J.,
12-17, Poli's, White-Barre, Pa., 19-24.
Bryant and Seville—Orph., Newark, O., 12-17.
Byron and Langdon—Columbia, Cincinnati, O., 11-17.
Mary Anderson, Louisville, Ky., 19-24.
Byers and Herman—Maj., Milwaukee, Wis., 12-17.
Callahan and St. George—Empire, Camden, Wales,
12-17, Empire, Reading, 19-24, Empire, New-
port, Eng., 26-31, Leicester, Eng., Nov. 27.
Campbell, Emerin—O. H. Indianapolis, Ind., 19-17.
Cameron and Flanagan—Fruit, Pittsburgh, Pa., 12-17.
Carla, Hilda—Keith's, Philadelphia, 12-17.
Carlin—Colonial, Norfolk, Va., 12-17.
Carlin and Otto—K. and P. 5th Ave., N. Y., 12-17.
Carney Bros.—Proctor's, Newark, N. J., 19-24.
Carr, Alex.—American, N. Y., 12-17.
Case, Charles—Alhambra, N. Y., 12-17.
Carter, Dave—Hippodrome, Southampton, Eng., 19-17.
Hippodrome, Wolverhampton, Eng., 19-24, Hippo-
drome, Leeds, Eng., 26-31, Palace, Leicester, Eng., 24.
Cass and De Verne—Maj., Le Soeur, Ill., 12-17.
Case, Charles—Alhambra, N. Y., 12-17.
Ceballos—Orph., Oakland, Cal., 12-17.
Chambers, Lyster—Orph., Frisco, 19-24.
Chambers, The—Grand, Pittsburgh, 12-17.
Chauti—Woburnhampton, Eng., 12-17, Palace, Man-
chester, Eng., 19-24, Hippo., St. Helena, Eng., 27.
Chester and Jones—Hathaway's, Brockton, Mass., 12-
17.
Chinquilla, Princess—Bijou, New Brunswick, N. J.,
12-17.
Chopourian—Keith's, Phila., 12-17.
Cinquavall, Paul—Tivoli, London, Eng., 12-Dec. 5.
Claire, Ina—Colonial, Lawrence, Mass., 12-17.
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Thomson, Wm. H.—Orph., New Orleans, La., 12-17.
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Thornton, Jas.—Hammerstein's, N. Y., 12-17.
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Timothy, Charlotte and Fred, York, N. J., 19-27.
Trask and Montgomery—Orph., Canton, O., 12-18.
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H. Keith's, Boston, Mass., 19-24.
Valentine, Three—Orph., Cambridge, O., 12-17.
Vallance, Wm. H.—Orph., Montreal, Can., 12-17.
Vance, Clarice—Lincoln Sq., 12-17.
Van, Billy—Poll's, Bridgeport, Conn., 12-17.
Van Clee, Deaton and Pat—Olympic, Chicago, 12-17.
Van Hornes—Orph., Salem, 12-17.
Vance—Winter Garden, Berlin, Ger., Aug. 17-Oct. 17.
Vaundette, Musical—Orph., Scranton, Pa., 12-17.
Village Queens—Shra's, Buffalo, N. Y., 12-17.
Wade and Reynolds—Star, Charlotte, N. C., 11-17.
Walker, Nellie—Orph., Philadelphia, 12-17.
Walher, Nella—Columbia, Norfolk, Va., 11-17. Poll's, Whitehouse, Pa., 19-24.
Waleh, Duff—Grand, Pittsburgh, 12-17.
Ward and Klare—Mal., Milwaukee, 12-17.
Ward and Claret—Orph., Albany, 12-17.
Watermelon Trust—Camp's, Rochester, N. Y., 5-10.
Watson and Little—Toke's, Detroit, 12-17. Mohawk Schuetzky, N. Y., 19-24.
Warner, Chas.—Orph., Spokane, Wash., 12-17.
Warner and Carlton—Fremly, Yonkers, Pa., 12-17.
Wells, Lew—Poll's, Waterbury, Conn., 12-17.
Weston, Al. H., and Irene Young—Lincoln Sq., N. Y., 12-17.
Williams, Frank—Haymarket, Chgo., 19-24.
Whittle, W. E.—Frederick's Newark, N. J., 12-17.
Wilbur, Caryl—Forepaugh's, Phila., 12-17.
Wilbur and Wilbur—Blum, Marquette, Mich., 12-17.
Willard, Marshall P.—Grand, Pittsburgh, 12-17.
Willard and Bond—Columbia, Cincinnati, O., 19-24.
Willis, Mae M.—Mills', Padua, Pa., 12-17.
Wilson Bros.—Orph., Seattle, Wash., 11-24.
Wilson, Tony, and Mme. Heinie—Haymarket, Chgo., 12-17.
Williams' Duo—Wonderland, Watertown, N. Y., 12-17.
Williams and Thompson—Crystal, St. Joseph, Mo., 12-17.
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Williams, Sam—Hammerstein's, N. Y., 12-17.
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Witt's Colleen—Mal., Chgo., 12-17.
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Wood, Milton—Bennett's, Ottawa, Can., 12-17.
Woodford and Barry—Orph., Bklyn., 12-17.
Wordette, Estelle—Grand, Wheeling, W. Va., 12-17.
Keith's, Columbia, O., 12-17.
Wright, Wm. H.—Orph., Andover, Mass., 12-17.
STON—Mal., Des Moines, Ia., 11-17. Orph., Slou City, Ia., 12-24.
Wormwood's Duo—Orph., Wilkes-Barre, Pa., 12-17.
Woods and Leach—E. and F. 126th St. N. Y., 12-17.
Yolk, Edna—Mal., Galveston, Tex., 12-17. People's, Galveston, Tex., 19-24.
Yorick and Lalonde—Mahoney City, Pa., 12-17.
York, Alva—Olympic, Chgo., 12-17.
Young, Otto and Bruc—Main St., Peoria, Ill., 12-17.
Zantzer, The Comedy—Frederick Bremer, mgr.; Kambert's, Utica, N. Y., 19-24.
Zarill and Vernon—Scala, Antwerp, Belgium, 2-15.
Zevo, Jordan and Zevo—Orph., Omaha, Neb., 12-17.

DATES AHEAD.

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HADERMANN CHICAGO ORCHESTRA. JENNIE (J. D. Hadernann, mgr.): Hannibal, Mo., 12-17, Bloomington, Ill., 12-17.
KNAPP'S MILLIONAIRE (John Graham): Dover, N. H., 13. Portsmouth, 14. Newburyport, Mass., 14. Exeter, N. H., 16. Lewiston, Me., 17. Portland 18. Rockland 20. Augusta 21. Bath 22. Bangor 23. 24. PHILLY'S BAND (Fredrick Palmer, mgr.): Kansasville, Tenn., 13. 14. Hopkinsville, Ky., 15. Sella Tor, 17-Nov. 2.
SOUSA: Boston, Mass., Sept. 28-Oct. 31.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CALVE, MME. (John Cort, mgr.): St. Joseph, Mo., 15. Topeka, Kan., 16.
HEERMAN, ADELAIDE (Harry Clark, mgr.): Sacramento, Cal., Cuba, 12-18.
HUMADO (Chas. 25). Henry Kusler, mgr.: Shreveport, La., Sept. 13—Indefinite.
PAINE'S CARNIVAL (Al Dolson, mgr.): San Francisco, Cal., 5-24.
PAINE'S SHERIDAN'S RIDE (Al L. Dolson, mgr.): Atlanta, Ga., Sept. 13—Indefinite.
PRESCELLE AND EDNA MAY MAGOON (F. Ward Magoon, mgr.): Naugatuck, Conn., 12-17. Milford 19-24.
RAYMOND, GREAT (Manrice F. Raymond, mgr.): Carlsbad, Soc. Mex. Beach, 11-15. Santos 15, 16. Rio de Janeiro 17, 18. Montevideo, Uruguay, 20-3. Buenos Ayres, Argentine, 28-Nov. 11.
ROBINSON'S SHOW: Greenville, Miss., 12-17.
THURSTONE, HOWARD (Dudley McAdow, mgr.): Toronto, Ont., 12-17. Buffalo, N. Y., 19-24.

Received too late for classification.

BILLY THE KID (Chas. H. Wuerr, mgr.): Philadelphia, Pa., 19-24.
Carlsbad, Soc. Mex. Beach (Walter Adams, mgr.): Newport, R. I., 13. Riverport 14. Willmarctic, Conn., 15. Hartford 16, 17. Meriden 19, 20. Middletown 21. Holyoke, Mass., 22. Springfield 23, 24.
EDISON, ROBERT (Henry B. Harris, mgr.): Troy, N. Y., 14-16.
GIRLS (Sam S. and Lee Shubert, Inc., mgrs.): St. Louis, Mo., 28-17.
HERALD SQUARE OPERA: Corry, Pa., 15. Smeton, Port Allegany 17. Warsaw, N. Y., 19-20. Perry 22-24.
HERMAN, SELMA (H. Greenway, mgr.): Baltimore, Md., 19-24.
HOWE'S PICTURES LYMAN (Chas. King, mgr.): Carlsbad, Soc. Mex. Beach, 11-15. Santos 15, 16. Rio de Janeiro 17, 18. Montevideo, Uruguay, 20-3. Buenos Ayres, Argentine, 28-Nov. 11.
IN WYOMING: Billings, Mont., 21. Big Timber 22. Livingston 23. Roseman 24.
LITCHFIELD TROT, NEIL: New Haven, Conn., 12-17. Waterville, 14. Watertown, Conn., 15. Saugerties, N. Y., 16. Walden 17.
LITTLE PROSPECTOR (Frank G. King, mgr.): San Francisco, Cal., 11-17. Sacramento 18. Monterey 19. Waterville 20. Paso Robles 21. Santa Maria 22. San Luis Obispo 23. Santa Barbara 24.
MARKS BROTHERS' STOCK (Mark Bros., mgrs.): Watertown, N. Y., 12-17.
MERRY-GO-ROUND (Circle Production Co., mgr.): Indianapolis, Ind., 12-15. Decatur, Ill., 15. Bloomington, Ill., 16. Peoria, Ill., 17. Santa Barbara 24.
MIDNIGHT FLYER (J. B. Richardson, mgr.): Belleville, Ill., 17. Highland 18. St. Elmo 19. Mt. Vernon 20. Collinsville 21. Herrin 23. Marion 24. Paducah 25.
NINETEEN AND NINE (J. D. Barton, mgr.): Rochester, N. Y., 15-17.
NORWOOD'S HYPONOTISTS (M. H. Norwood, mgr.): Owelvin, Ia., 12-17. Clinton 19-24.
OPULIM FIEND (Chepeland Bros., mgrs.): San Antonio, Tex., 19. San Marcos 20. Austin 21. Temple 17. Ballinger 23. Coleman 24.
PAID IN FULL (Wagenehals and Kemper, mgrs.): Bridgeport, Conn., 13, 14. Meriden 15. Waterbury 16. Pawcett, R.I., 14. Watertown 18-24.
POWER STOCK (Herbert H. Power, mgr.): Springfield, Ill., N. S., 12-17.
REILLY AND WOODS' BIG SHOW: St. Louis, Mo., 12-17.
RUSSELL, ANNIE (Wagenehals and Kemper, mgrs.): Ithaca, N. Y., 14. Rochester 19-21.
SHADOWS OF A GREAT CITY (Wm. I. Mall, mgr.): New York City 12-17.
WALDMAN, EDWARD (Edmond Gerson, mgr.): Liberty, N. Y., 14. Watertown 18-24.
WOLF (Sam S. and Lee Shubert, mgrs.): St. Louis, Mo., 18-21.

CUES.

Robert Lee Allen is playing Billy Sanderson Strongheart this season.

Louise Muldener has an important role with Wal Whiteside in The Melting Pot.

Chas Rainford is with Minnie Dupree, playing N and Mother Gillan in The Road to Yesterday.

The dramatic rights to Arthur J. Eddy's story "Ghosts of the Past," have been secured by Shuberts. The dramatization will be made by Gus Thomas, in collaboration with Mr. Eddy.

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INDIANA.

PRINCETON, IND. (George P. Kild, mgr.): The District Leader Sept. 30; excellent; to good business. **HARTER'S OPERA HOUSE** (John McKinney, mgr.): Dames' Colored Musical Comedy Co. 1, 2; fair business and attraction.

MICHIGAN CITY, GRAND (Central States Theatre Co., mgr.): Dames' Colored Musical Comedy Co. 1, 2; fair business and attraction. The Morris Thurston Co. owned week 5 to crowded house; pleased. The Alaskan 11.

WARREN, EAGLE THEATRE (C. A. Holden, mgr.): The District Leader Sept. 30; excellent; to good business. **HARTER'S OPERA HOUSE** (John McKinney, mgr.): Dames' Colored Musical Comedy Co. 1, 2; fair business and attraction.

HUNTINGTON, THEATRE (H. E. Roushrough, mgr.): Paid in full Sept. 30; excellent; to good business. **HARTER'S OPERA HOUSE** (John McKinney, mgr.): Dames' Colored Musical Comedy Co. 1, 2; fair business and attraction.

ANGOLA, CROXTON OPERA HOUSE (R. E. Willis, mgr.): W. A. Whitecar in the Mummy and the Humming Bird. The District Leader Sept. 30; excellent; to good business. **HARTER'S OPERA HOUSE** (John McKinney, mgr.): Dames' Colored Musical Comedy Co. 1, 2; fair business and attraction.

LITTON, GRAND (Caswell and Bocher, mgrs.): The Gay Stock on week of Sept. 28; good business; pleased. Peck's Bad Boy 5.

BRASS, SOURVINE (Will H. Livitt, mgr.): Nelson-Goss picture light 9. Three Twins 10. Dan from Home 12. Steadfast U. C. 15. Jane Eyre 17. Munchie-Wybor's Grand (H. E. Roushrough, mgr.): Paid in full 3 delighted two good houses.

NOBLEVILLE, WILD'S GRAND (L. W. H. mgr.): The Devil 9.

IOWA.

PERRY, GRAND (R. M. Harvey, mgr.): Lyman Twins in The Yankee Drummers 3 delighted good business. Moonshiner's Daughter 10 canceled. My Boy Jack 15 canceled. Third Annual Home Show and Coney Festival 17. C. W. Parker Amusement Co. furnish the attractions.

FAIRFIELD, GRAND (Lou Thomas, mgr.): Sept. 30; 20 pleased fair house. Tempest and Hunches 30 pleased. Down Vermont Way 5 canceled. Ma's New Husband 8. The Cowpuncher 13. Blind Boone 14. Royal Hungarian Orchestra 17. Meadowbrook Farm 20. Zeke 22. Arizona 24.

SPENCER, GRAND (Franklin Floete, mgr.): Lyman Twins in The Yankee Drummers Sept. 30; 20 pleased good house. When We Were Friends 2; good to fair business. Grange the Wizard, 9. Ralph Rags 15. Texas Sweetheart 20.

ANAMOSA, GRAND (Clifford L. Niles, mgr.): W. B. Patton Sept. 29; 20 pleased a good house. Eugene Moore in My Boy Jack 5; good business. Lyman Twins 12. Steadfast U. C. 15.

NEWTON, LISTER'S OPERA HOUSE (Sam Lister, mgr.): When We Were Friends 2; good to fair business. My Boy Jack 5. W. B. Patton in The Blackhead 15.

RED OAK, RYNEARSON OPERA HOUSE (L. M. Beardsley, mgr.): Why Girls Leave Home Sept. 29; excellent; to good business.

WEBSTER CITY, ARMORY OPERA HOUSE (Major N. P. Hyatt, mgr.): W. B. Patton in The Blackhead 5; excellent; to small house.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

COLUMBIA, THEATRE (F. L. Brown, mgr.): Human Hearts 3; fair to fair house. Merry Widow 7. 8 (matinee); played to three full houses. Barlow Mustang 10. Victor Band 12. Black Patti 14. Nordic 22. Adeline Thurston 24. Traitor 26. 27. York and Adams 28. 29. Girl from Missouri 30, 31.

TENNESSEE.

NASHVILLE, THE VENDOME (W. A. Schetz, mgr.): The Wolf 2, 3 to small audience; pleased. The Thief 5 to good business. At the French Ball 9, 10. Forty-five Minutes from Broadway 14. Charles B. Hanford 15, 16. BLOU (George Hickman, mgr.): The Phantom Detective Sept. 28; fair business. Neuhof Foyette 5-10 in a new show; pleasing good audience. In Old Kentucky 12-17.

TEXAS.

DALLAS, OPERA HOUSE (George Anny, mgr.): McFadden's Flats Co. Sept. 29; 20 pleased a top heavy business. Under Southern Skies 2, 3; 20 pleased a good house. The Land of Mod 5, 6. Louis Jans 8. A Stubborn Chatterbox 14. The Time, the Place and the Girl 24. ITEM: Manager Anny and Assistant Manager Robinson have signed last year's employees, and the house looks good after a thorough reoverhaul. MAJESTIC (F. P. Finnegan, mgr.): The Fords, Charles Hughes, the Singer Girl, and Ray and Rockwell. Harry Van Patten, Hastings and Wilson, Fyrie, Deuch and Elliott and West 26-30; 20 pleased big business. Arthur Beauvois, Three Musical Millers, Earl Flynn, Harry Holman, Mlle. Carrie and Mlle. Yola 5-10. ITEM: F. P. Finnegan, the new manager, is very popular. LACE CLIFF THEATRE (C. A. Mangold, mgr.): Ada Meade Opera Co. week 25-30 presented the initial performance of Lasso Land, a romantic comedy opera, written by Joe N. Edwards, a Dallas newspaper man, and William V. Brumby of St. Louis. Mlle. Meade made good as Kate Carson. The business was large. Co. will go to Ft. Worth 8-10, and will return for 11-25.

HOUSTON, PRINCE (Dave A. Wells, mgr.): Louis James in Four Gyps Sept. 28, 29; good, to excellent business. Florence Darby in Under the Greenwood Tree 1; fair to good business. Tim Murphy in Cupid and the Doll 2, 3; good house; pleased. Dixie Minstrels 4. Herne, Hypnotists Comedy Co. 7-11. LIND (John Dickey, mgr.): Chris Lane, Lewis and Anita, Mlle. Muller, Goodness and Lane, and Lorette week 27-3, with good vanderbilt. Musical Four, Harry Peters, J. J. Mullane, Miss Knight and Barrett, and Lorette 4-11. MAJESTIC (Charles McFarland, mgr.): Opened 5 with The Famous Fords, Tyrie I'Kach, Ray and Rockwell, Elliott and West, Harry Van Patten, Charles Hughes and His Singing Girl, and Majesticograph. BLOU (Olive B. Bailey Stock Co., mgr.): Opened 5 in repertoire. ALHAMBRA HALL: Opened 5 with good vanderbilt.

VICTORIA, HATCHER'S OPERA HOUSE (H. J. Hatcher, mgr.): The American Bobo Sept. 22; good, to small house. Under Southern Skies 24; good, to a large house. The Texas Ranger 29; poor, to a small house.

VERMONT.

WOODSTOCK, MUSIC HALL (A. B. Morgan, mgr.): The Thief 22.

VIRGINIA.

STAUNTON, BEVERLY (Barkman and Shultz, mgrs.): The Great Divide 3; large and delighted audience. Charles B. Hanford in The Merchant of Venice 7; capacity; excellent. Traitor 8. East Lynne 20. Norman Hackett 31.

CLIFTON FORGE, MASONIC OPERA HOUSE (W. F. Tinsley, mgr.): A Texas Ranger 2; fair house.

WASHINGTON.

TACOMA, THEATRE (C. H. Herald, mgr.): The Cat and the Fiddle Set. 18, 19; fair. The Isle of Spice 20, 21; good. The Cinnamon 26, 27. STAR (Henry McLean, mgr.): The Devil 20-26. SAVOY: The Devil 19-23. GRAND (Dean Worley, mgr.): Vanderville all week.

WEST VIRGINIA.

BLUEFIELD, ELK OPERA HOUSE (S. H. Jolliffe, mgr.): The Traitor 10. Governor's Pardon 16. Hutton and Bailey Stock Co. 19-24. Norman Hackett in Classmates 27.

WISCONSIN.

RHINELANDER, GRAND (Hanson and Taylor, mgrs.): Also of the Bijou and former managers of Grand, have again taken charge. The gentlemen will operate both theatres, but will confine the Bijou to moving pictures and vanderbilt.

CANADA.

OTTAWA, ONT., RUSSELL (P. Gorman, mgr.): Tyranny of Tears 2, 3; good business; pleased. Three Little Maids 5, 6; excellent good house. The Gay Musicians 9, 10. Wolf 12, 13. DENNETT'S (Gus S. Greening, mgr.): Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Darlow, Sherbrook and Berry, Sullivan and Pasquena, Bradlee Martin and Co., George Mullen and Edward Correll, the Patrons to the credit of the good business. GRAND (R. J. Birdwhistell, mgr.): It's Never Too Late to Mend 5-7; opened to very good house; fine. The American Girl 5-10.

STRAITFORD, ONT., THEATRE ALBERT (Albert Brandenberg, mgr. and prop.): Moving pictures and vanderbilt; crowded. Out in Idaho 10. Allan Dume in Molly Bawn 14; rest of week vanderbilt and pictures.

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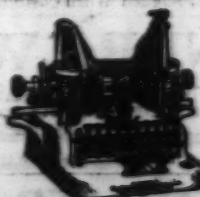
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